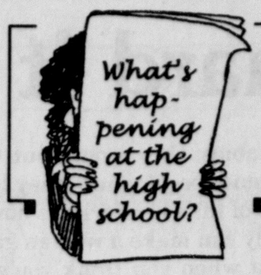
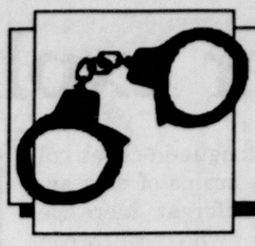
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Salary dispute: teachers start job slowdown

Extracurricular activities may suffer as WUSD teachers limit any work outside their contract

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

In a deal that's been months in the making, West Sacramento's Washington Unified School District (WUSD) and the Washington Teachers Association (WTA), which represents teachers in the school district, had tentatively agreed on a new contract effective January 18. The major provision of the agreement included a general salary increase of 6.5 percent with total costs of salaries and benefits estimated at $727,678. The tentative agreement was to have been acted upon at the December 7 school board meeting, but much to the surprise of the school district's teachers, the action item was tabled by the school board after a closed session discussion with their lawyer.

"We've been in negotiations for over three months now with the school district," said RCHS teacher Terry Luttrell, who is a member of WTA's negotiating team, "and we thought we had an agreement. We still don't know why the school board decided not to act, but we do know that our most experienced teachers are making thousands of dollars less than their peers in other districts. It's just not realistic to think that we can continue to retain the services of our best teachers when they could be making seven or eight thousand dollars more a year in districts like Elk Grove and Roseville."

Luttrell went on to say that since the WUSD Board of Education has decided not to act on the new salary schedule proposed by WTA, teachers in the district will begin "working to contract" effective immediately, meaning they will cease performing duties outside a strict reading of their contract.

The first such action, the cancellation of the eighth annual River City High School "Dickens Tea," was outlined in a letter dated December 12 to RCHS principal Mort Geivett from the school's English Department. The tea, which is a tradition at River City, requires a great deal of teacher organization, purchasing and preparation of materials and food, and the covering of classes by teachers not in the English Department. The teachers' letter said in part:

"This decision (to cancel the "Tea") comes as a result of the school board's failure last Thursday to take any action on the teachers' tentative salary agreement, which was ratified by WTA on September 26. We join with other WTA members and begin working only to contract, no longer expending our own time, money, and effort for volunteer activities while at the same time being undervalued and unappreciated by the school district."

School board president David Farmer could not be reached for comment. But in an effort to clarify the school district's position, WUSD trustee Irene Eklund told the *News-Ledger*, "It's true that the school district and the teachers' union tentatively agreed to a 6.5 percent salary increase, and that's on top of a 3.5 percent increase we gave them earlier in the year. But when we looked more closely at the latest increase, the numbers submitted by the union suddenly increased from 6.5 percent to more than 7.6 percent. Part of this is simply a calculation misunderstanding, but when our lawyer suggested a meeting this week to discuss the matter, the union refused. Since there are still so many questions concerning the new tentative agreement, the board simply felt it was better to table it for now. I would also like to say that I'm very saddened that the students have been put in the middle of this and I hope that everything can be resolved to the benefit of all as quickly as possible."

As the *News-Ledger* went to press, WUSD Interim Superintendent Patrick Campbell said a work slowdown was news to him.

"But whenever you get into a situation like this," added Campbell, "it's natural for teachers to respond and I'm sure they're upset. We will be talking to their representatives next month and my goal is to sit down and work things out."

Seeing stars



The City of West Sacramento and local chamber of commerce have once again sponsored an official community Christmas tree, throwing the light switch Friday at a special ceremony. The tree can be seen at the city's "welcome" sign at the corner of Park Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd. (Photo courtesy Dan Harris, City of West Sacramento)

District agrees to buy school site in south

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Washington Unified School District school board last week unanimously approved the purchase of a new elementary school site from the Bridgeway Island development in Southport. The district will buy the eight-acre site for $750,000, with the landowner receiving credit for an additional $319,000 in land value as a donation.

The school is slated to open by March, 2002, making it the second new school in Southport in a three-year period. Southport Elementary School on Linden Rd. opened last year.

"Half of the site will be a park adjacent to the school," said interim superintendent Patrick Campbell. "We'll have joint use of it with the city. We'll use it during the day, and they will use it as a park after school hours."

Also at the meeting, the board agreed on member David Farmer as its new board president, and on Irene Eklund as its new vice president.

Fellow board member Ardeene Westvik has just ended a one-year term as president, and Farmer previously served as vice president.

Santa run returns

The West Sacramento Firefighters are preparing for the annual Santa Run through West Sacramento. Santa will be riding a fire truck through the neighborhood with his helpers

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Questions invited:

City council delays decision on sewage choice

The West Sacramento City Council last week postponed a decision whether to become a part of Sacramento County's sewage district.

"Basically, the council provided additional information to staff on issues they want to further explore," said Stephen Patek, director of the city's community development department.

"They gave direction that this should be agendized for the Jan. 10 meeting, with the intent of making a decision."

Patek said the council is still concerned about how much representation West Sacramento will receive on the board that governs the regional sanitation district, and over insuring that the city is promised its needs will be met as development occurs.

City officials have invited questions from the public on the issue, to which they promise responses at the Jan. 10 meeting.

Questions may be submitted by email or phone to city engineer Caroline Quinn. She can be reached at 373-5854, or caroline.quinn@ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Please provide your name, address and phone number with your questions, so that you may be contacted for clarification if necessary. The city's community relations department states that any questions received by Jan. 4 will receive a response at the Jan. 10 city council meeting.

New mechanism to help downtown area:

Property tax-based improvement district?

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's Downtown Association plans to phase itself out – but not before setting the groundwork for a possible successor organization.

Downtown Association members are looking at the benefits and costs of forming a "property-based business improvement district," or PBID, to pursue downtown-area cleanup, marketing and security.

"What staff is recommending is that this is the final year of the Downtown Association," said Kathleen O'Leary of the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency. "The only reason we're keeping it is to do a survey for a property-based business improvement district. It would be the vehicle for the formation of a PBID – since this organization is already in place, it would save a couple of thousand dollars compared to starting a new organization."

O'Leary serves as a liaison with the association, which is funded by semi-mandatory dues from local businesses. A new "PBID" would work differently.

"With a PBID, we can do cleanups of vacant property, we can do marketing, and we can do infrastructure improvements. We can also qualify for matching federal grants," she added.

"Right now (with the Downtown Association) we can't lien. If it's a property-based district, we can lien for the taxes, and they go out on the property tax bill."

O'Leary said that a new PBID would require approval from more than half of the property owners who would be taxed by it. Just how high those taxes would be, and what the money would be used for, is yet to be determined.

The Downtown Association's Mike Gorman provided a copy of a "Real Estate Southern California" article on PBIDs, which gives the example of a Los Angeles-area PBID that assesses three cents per square foot for an improved building, and eight cents for land.

The article states that the "Gateway to L.A." property owners are so happy with the results they are getting, they are planning to raise their assessment.

Yesterday, the Downtown Association was scheduled to receive a presentation from John Lambeth of Downtown Resources, a potential program manager for any new West Sacramento PBID. O'Leary said Lambeth's group has set up successful PBIDs in the Fulton Ave. area, Florin Rd. area, Citrus Heights and downtown Sacramento.

"He's been very successful," said O'Leary.

Amplification

Last week's *News-Ledger* featured an article on a proposed teen center for high school- and junior high school-age kids.

It should have been more explicit about a facility currently offered for use after school by younger teens.

"Club West" is a facility operated by the city parks department at the Golden State Middle School campus for these younger teens.

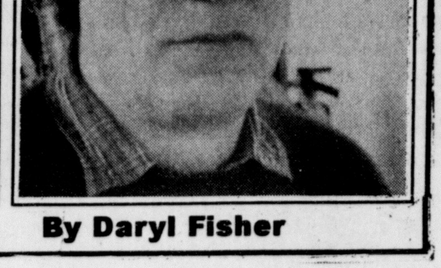
THE REVIEW

This week's *News-Ledger* includes a three-page edition of the *River City High School Review*, a campus newspaper for that school.

The *Review* is written and produced solely by the RCHS journalism class staff, and is published here as a community service.

A reader explains just how hard it is to be a woman

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Last week, I wrote a little tongue-in-cheek column about the fact that the brains of men and women are apparently quite different. More specifically, I quoted a researcher who recently concluded that among the numerous differences, "men give only half a mind to what they hear, listening with just one side of their brain while women use both."

I wrapped up the column by admitting that, like most men, no matter how hard I try to listen, I rarely seem to end up fully understanding how a woman's mind really works, and that I've just more or less learned to live with it. A longtime friend saw the column and called a few days later to let me know I shouldn't have been so quick to let men off the hook for being such poor listeners.

"Your column made it sound like men are lousy listeners because something is wrong with their tiny little brains," she informed me, "when I don't think that's the case at all."

"What is the case, then?" I asked politely.

"The truth is that most men are just lazy listeners," she said, "and if you ask me, they make a conscious effort to be that way."

"Is that right?"

"Absolutely! And if you don't believe me, just ask your wife or daughter or mother or any other woman who has spent most of her life being tuned out by men on an almost daily basis."

Somewhere along the line, as our conversation continued, it turned to the subject of how hard it is to be a woman in today's world?"

"But from everything I've read," I said, knowing I was in big trouble before the words were even out of my mouth, "women have actually never had it so good."

"What are you talking about?" she demanded to know. "Just what world are you living in, anyway?"

"Well," I said, "the one where women can now have professional careers of their own and the one where they don't have to stay home anymore and slave away cooking, cleaning, and taking care of children."

When my friend finally stopped laughing, she said, "Oh, we can have our own career, alright, but when our eight or ten hours are up at the office, we still have to go home and do all the cooking, cleaning, and taking care of the children. And then when we try to explain the reality of this to men, THEY DON'T LISTEN!"

She concluded by telling me that along with being poor listeners, men have also created a society where in addition to holding down a day job and being full time homemakers, women are also expected to be thin and drop-dead gorgeous.

"Just recently," she said, "some idiot of your gender handed me something called 'Womanly Truisms' and I just about brained him when I read it."

"What was it about?" I asked her with interest.

"If you want," she said, "I'll fax you a copy of the stupid thing, just to prove to you that men's brains haven't evolved one single bit since the cave days. It won't end up in that column of yours, will it?"

"Oh, of course not."

A Dozen Womanly Truisms:

1. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diets.

2. Life is an endless struggle full of frustrations and challenges, but eventually you find a hairstylist you like.

3. Perhaps you know why women over fifty don't have babies: they would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.

4. One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.

5. Just when you think you've finally got your head together, your body falls apart.

6. Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

7. Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

8. Life not only begins at 40, it begins to show.

9. I had to give up jogging for my health. My thighs kept rubbing together and setting my pantyhose on fire.

10. Amazing! You just hang something in your closet for a while, and it shrinks two sizes.

11. The only time a woman wishes she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby.

12. Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but she can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

Note: To date, the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund has received 89 donations for a total of $7,520. The goal is to raise a $10,000 endowment, with the interest earnings being used to support a $500 annual scholarship for Washington Unified School District graduates who plan on attending a college in the Los Rios Community College system. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the fund can do so by making a check payable to the Grace K. Ohlson Scholarship Fund, c/o the News-Ledger, PO Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

For more information about the fund, please feel free to call Daryl or Steve at the News-Ledger, 371-8030. And thanks again to all of you who have already contributed!

Christmas program at library

Come one, come all to the Arthur F. Turner Library's Annual Family Holiday Program on Thursday evening, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. There will be guest readers to spread the holiday spirit and local children belonging to P.C.S.P. will present "The Night Before Christmas" and "Jingle Bells." The program is sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library.

A special visitor from the North Pole will be on hand to visit with each of the children and homemade cookies will be served after the program.

In other library news, the following new books have recently arrived:

"One Good Turn: A Natural History of the Screwdriver & the Screw" by Witold Rybczynski.

"Tutankhamen: The Life and Death of the Boy King" by Christine El Mahdy.

"The Sex Lives of Teenagers: Revealing the Secret World of Adolescent Boys and Girls" by Lynn Ponton, M.D.

"The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime" by Miles Harvey.

"Guiding Your Child Through Grief" by Mary Ann Emswiler and James P. Emswiler.

The Arthur F. Turner Library is located at 1212 Merkley Ave and for hours and information, you can call 375-6465.

Rides to 'tot shots' available

The West Sacramento Toddler Immunization Outreach Project, a program of the Shots for Tots Regional Coalition, is providing free transportation for families to five area medical facilities for the purpose of childhood immunizations. The project began last summer and will extend through April 15. The transportation project is being funded by the City of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento Rotary Club, with shuttles being driven by the City of West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department. Parents are required to accompany their children to and from the clinic, bring their child's yellow immunization record, as well as schedule a clinic appointment and a shuttle pick-up/return time.

The no-cost rides are provided for families to the following participating clinics: Yolo County Public Health Department (530) 666-8645; Garcia, Lee & Conception Medical Group (916) 392-4000; Salud Clinic (916) 375-6400; Molina Clinic (916) 399-1777; Sacramento Family Medical Center (916-391-2229.

Families may also chose from the following shuttle times: Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Parents are asked to schedule shuttle service by contacting Andre Pichly of the City of West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department at (916) 373-5860.

How to recycle your Christmas tree, and other recycling answers

'Tis the season for the Recycling Division to remind West Sacramento residents of the many ways to reduce holiday waste from going into the trash:

1. The West Sacramento Senior Center would like your used holiday greeting cards to make terrific crafts. You can drop them by the Senior Center at 661 Cummins Way or the Department of Parks & Community Services located at 1951 South River Road.

2. Think about using gift bags instead of wraps. Not only can they be reused, but it's fun to put a date inside the bag you're giving and then the next person can date it when it's used again, and so on.

3. Remember that Christmas trees can be cut in 3 foot sections and recycled at the curb, or dropped in the Christmas tree box in the Rite-Aid parking lot from December 26 to January 13, 2001.

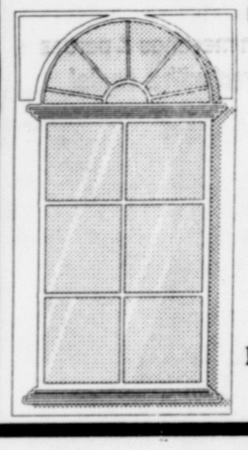
4. Cardboard boxes can be flattened in 3' x 2' pieces and bundled together for pickup on your regular refuse day. Place next to your existing containers for recycling.

In local government

The West Sacramento City Council will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in open session at 1350 Halyard Dr.

Agenda items include the city fee schedule, a final map for Bridgeway Island Village 3, establishment of a community facilities district at Gateway, approval of use of Raley Field by Golden State Middle School and a church group (they were the only groups who applied for 20 days available); a Yolo County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; consideration of purchase of 802 Riske Ln. from Caltrans; and consideration of changes to health benefits for council members.

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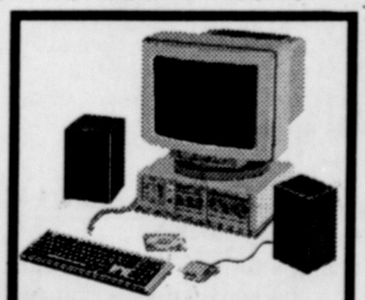


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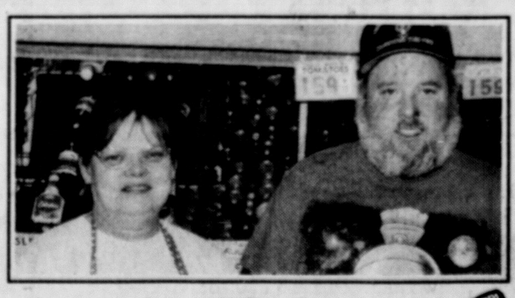
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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The Oakland Raiders (11-3) put a terrible 31-7 mugging on the New York Jets last Sunday night before a record crowd of 62,632 at Network Associate Coliseum and a national television audience (ESPN). The Oakland Raiders return to the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1993 when they played in Los Angeles.

The Raiders defense held the Jets to a net 10 yards rushing and knocked their ninth quarterback (Vinny Testaverde) out of the game this season. The Raiders moved to the No. 2 spot in the AFC playoff seeding, just behind Tennessee. The Titans and the Raiders have the same 11-3 record, but the Titans have a better record against common opponents. The top two playoffs teams in the AFC qualify for a first round bye. The Raiders need to win their final two games, Saturday at Seattle (1 p.m.-ch.13) and on Dec. 24th against visiting Carolina. The Broncos (10-4) beat Seattle on Sunday and finish their regular season schedule at Kansas City and at home against the 49ers.

The 49ers (5-9) lost a heartbreaker against the playoff bound New Orleans Saints 31-27 ending a three game winning streak and their hopes of a .500 season. The Niners held the Saints in check through the third quarter only to allow New Orleans to score 28 points in their final five possessions. Garcia had another 300-yard passing day for the fifth time this season. Steve Young holds the 49ers record with seven 300-yard games in 1998. The 49ers (+6) will host the Chicago Bears (4-10) next Sunday at 3Com Park (1 p.m.- FOX).

I enter week 16 with 21 wins, 20 losses and 3 ties. I won last week with the Packers but lost the 49ers games and my Monday night game was omitted by a print mistake (I had the Colts -6). This week take the Saints (-9) at home against the Falcons and the Niners (-6) over the Bears. On Monday night take Tampa Bay (+1) to upset the defending Super Bowl champion Rams in a game that will have playoff implications for both teams.

The Colts victory over the Bills on Monday kept Indianapolis (8-6) alive for an AFC playoff spot and eliminated Buffalo (7-7). The Colts victory also enabled Denver to qualify for the postseason with the Raiders, Titans, and Ravens with two spots in the conference still open.

The Kings, who lead the Pacific Division just 17 games into the 2000/2001 season, continue to improve their home record (10-1) with 5 consecutive wins in the friendly confines of the Arco Arena. The Lakers (15-7) and the Suns (13-6) trail the Kings by 1 game in the Pacific Division. The Sacramento Kings (14-4) are headed to four-game East Coast trip starting Tuesday night in Atlanta (5 p.m.-TBS). The Kings will play back to back on Wednesday against Charlotte and then head to Boston (Friday) and New Jersey on Sunday night. The injury bug has been good to the Kings with only Peja Stojakovic sitting out a couple of games with a sore shoulder.The next Kings home game on Tuesday, Dec. 19th will feature the return of Mitch Richmond and the Washington Wizards. Single game tickets are available by calling (916) 928-3650.

Major League baseball is headed for another strike season when the labor contract expires next October 2001. The Texas Rangers signed free agent shortstop Alex Rodriquez to a $252 million contract over 10 years that will open the floodgates to some public relations problems facing Major League Baseball. Baseball fans can expect to see raising ticket prices to finance free agent demands.

It's official, Willie Jorrin will defend his WBC super-bantamweight title on Friday, January 19th at the Arco Arena against the No. 1 contender, Oscar Larios (38-2-1), of Mexico. Tickets, are available at Arco Box Office and Ticket master outlets beginning Wednesday, at $31, $46, and ringside seats $66.

See ya next week!!!!!!

Padres to play River Cats this Spring

The Sacramento River Cats announced that the San Diego Padres have agreed to play two preseason games against the River Cats as part of this upcoming season's Major League Weekend at Rally Field. The games will be played March 31 and April 1, following the River Cats' March 29 home game against the Oakland Athletics.

"This Major League Weekend is a way for us to thank the fans of the Sacramento region for their tremendous support," said River Cats President and CEO Art Savage. "We are committed to bringing marquee events to Rally Field, and we feel these games demonstrate that commitment."

The River Cats will also host a three-day Winter Baseball Camp January 13-15 at Rally Field for children ages 9-14. A one-day registration for the camp is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Rally Field Team Store. The first 144 campers to register with their $195 payment will be enrolled. The fee includes three days of instruction from River Cats players and coaches, the opportunity to play at Rally Field, an official camp shirt and hat and a complimentary lunch each day of the camp. For more information, call 376-4856.



Paul Kinsella

"I got up for something and now I can't remember what it was."



"We should find a safe behind one of these."

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handing out candy and collecting food donations for the needy. The fire truck will be decorated with lights with Santa riding on top and Christmas music playing. A pickup truck will follow behind to collect non-perishable food donations. This year the Santa Run is scheduled for five nights beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. Santa will be in the following areas on these dates:

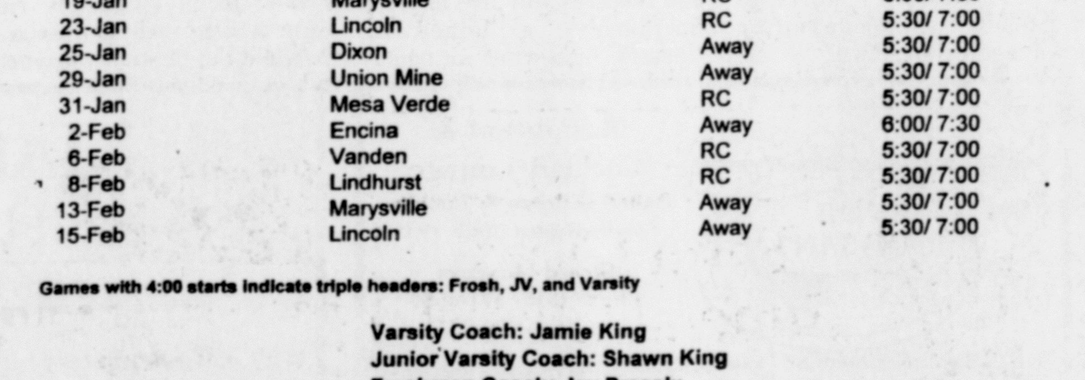
Monday, December 18th: Broderick and Bryte (Fremont, Douglas, Andrew, Sixth, Cummins, Anna, Kegle, Carrie, North Hobson, Hobson, and Fourness streets).

Tuesday, December 19th: North Business 80 (Pine, Palomar, Marigold, Doran, Garnet, Greenmeadow, Evergreen, Sycamore, Buckeye, Hemlock, Balsam, Willow, Merkley, Rockrose, Chaparrel, Lilac, Manzanita, Washington, Oxford, Maple, Walnut, Holly, and Pecan streets).

Wednesday, December 20th: Old West Sacramento (Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Delaware and Maryland streets).

Thursday, December 21st: Southport North East (Aster, Burmingham, Crown, Devon, Kinsington, Essex, Diablo, Manchester, Mojave, Merced, Spruce, Redwood, Alder, Independence, Lagoon, Duet and Constitution streets).

Friday, December 21st: Southport South West (Linden, Summerfield, Jacquelyn, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Leslie, Diane, Brenda, Kathy, Violet, Mareca, Teal, Canvasback and Pitzer streets).



RCHS Girls' 2000-2001 Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/30-12/2	SacWaldorf Tournament	Away	TBA
5-Dec	Rio Linda	RC	4:00/ 5:30/ 7:00
6-Dec	Sac Waldorf	RC	5:30/ 7:00
12/8- 12/9	Forest Lake Tournament	Away	TBA
13-Dec	Wheatland	RC	4:00/ 5:30/ 7:00
14-Dec	Argonaut	RC	4:00/ 5:30/ 7:00
20-Dec	Sac Country Day	Away	6:00/ 7:30
29-Dec	Capital Christain	Away	6:00/ 7:30
3-Jan	Dixon	RC	5:30/ 7:00
5-Jan	Vanden	Away	6:00/ 7:30
9-Jan	Golden Sierra	RC	5:30/ 7:00
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12-Jan	San Juan	RC	6:00/ 7:30
17-Jan	Lindhurst	Away	5:30/ 7:00
19-Jan	Marysville	RC	6:00/ 7:30
23-Jan	Lincoln	RC	5:30/ 7:00
25-Jan	Dixon	Away	5:30/ 7:00
29-Jan	Union Mine	Away	5:30/ 7:00
31-Jan	Mesa Verde	RC	5:30/ 7:00
2-Feb	Encina	Away	6:00/ 7:30
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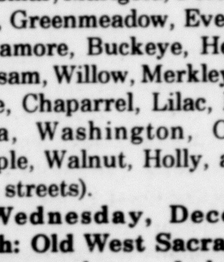
Games with 4:00 starts indicate triple headers: Frosh, JV, and Varsity

Varsity Coach: Jamie King
Junior Varsity Coach: Shawn King
Freshmen Coach: Joy Pressly

RCHS Boys' 2000-2001 Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
W-F	Nov 29-Dec 2	Argonaut Tourney	Away	TBA
T	Dec 5	Rio Linda	Away	4,5:30,7
T	Dec 12	Christian Bros.	Home	4,5:30,7
Th-Sat	Dec 14-16	Folsom Tourney	Away	TBA
W-F	Dec 27-30	Marin Catholic Tour.	Away	TBA
T	Jan 2	Dixon	Away	5:30,7
Th	Jan 4	Vanden	Home	5:30,7
F	Jan 5	Capital Christian	Home	6,7:30
M	Jan 8	Golden Sierra	Away	5:30,7
W	Jan 10	Colfax	Home	5:30,7
F	Jan 12	San Juan	Away	6,7:30
T	Jan 16	Lindhurst	Home	5:30:7
Th	Jan 18	Marysville	Away	5:30,7
W	Jan 24	Lincoln	Away	5:30,7
F	Jan 26	Dixon	Home	6, 7:30
T	Jan 30	Union Mine	Home	5:30,7
Th	Feb 1	Mesa Verde	Away	5:30,7
F	Feb 2	Encina	Home	6,7:30
W	Feb 7	Vanden	Away	5:30,7
F	Feb 9	Lindhurst	Away	6,7:30
W	Feb 14	Marysville	Home	5:30,7
F	Feb 16	Lincoln	Home	6,7:30

Head Coach: Jon West
Assistant Varsity Coach: Reggie Williams
Principal: Mort Geivett
Athletic Director: Jon West
Head J.V. Coach: Paul Dennis



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4. How many road games have the Vancouver Grizzlies won in franchise history during the month of March?
5. Who was the leading scorer among NHL rookies last season?
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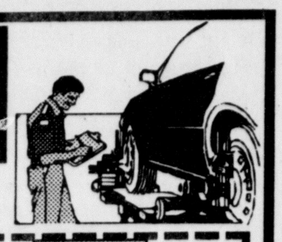
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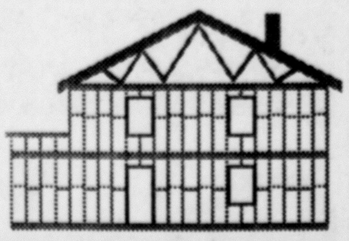


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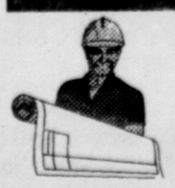


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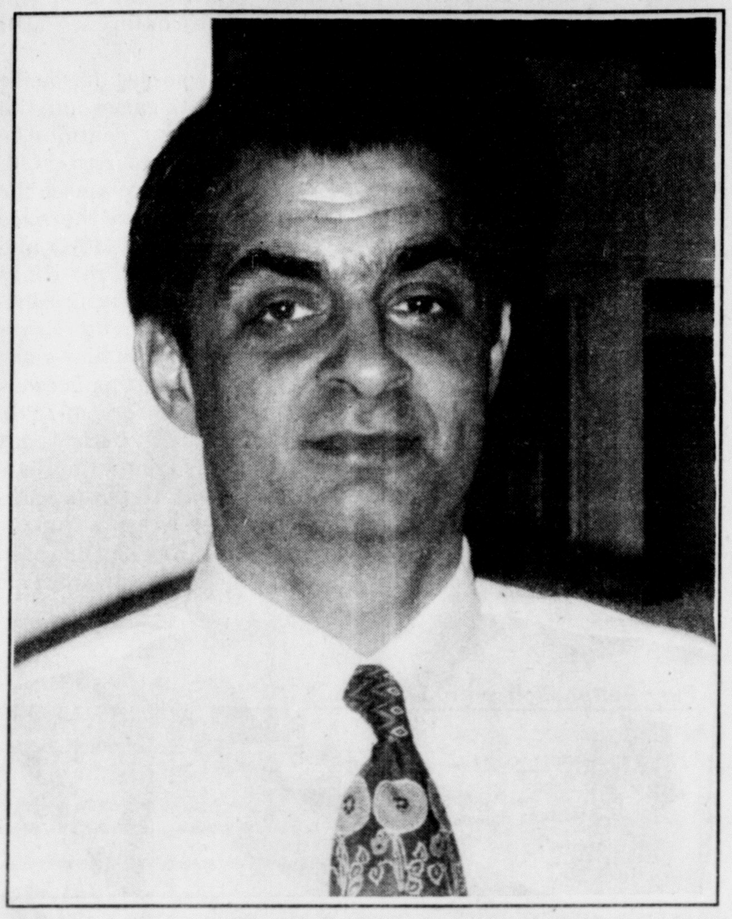


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DR. CHANDAN CHEEMA

Dr. Chandan Cheema was born and raised in northern India's famous Punjab region, but unlike most young boys and girls his age, he knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up.

"I come from a family of physicians," explained Dr. Cheema. "My grandfather was a surgeon, my grandmother was a gynecologist, and I also have a brother in England and a sister in Malaysia who are doctors. Medicine and the medical profession were all around me from my earliest days, and I always liked the environment. For as long as I can remember, I have had great respect and admiration for those who spend their lives trying to improve the health of others. My father was a chemical engineer who studied extensively in Chicago and he also encouraged me pursue a career in medicine."

At the age of 24, after completing his university studies and receiving his medical degree in his native India, Dr. Cheema traveled to the United States for more schooling and training in his chosen profession.

"I took all the examinations over again," said Dr. Cheema, "and I also spent a year and a half studying osteoporosis and bone metabolism at Stanford University. Then I did a one year internship at the Veterans Hospital in Martinez, California, a two-year residency at the Valley Medical Center in Santa Clara, California, and thanks to an additional research fellowship I received, I also spent a full year studying geriatrics before I moved to Sacramento and opened up my own medical practice."

'My goal has always been to treat the total patient,' explained Dr. Cheema, 'both as an individual and as a member of the family unit.'

Dr. Cheema's specialty is Internal Medicine and for the past six years he has been a member of the Creekside Medical Group, which has offices on Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights.

"My wife, Minnu, has friends and relatives who live in West Sacramento," explained Dr. Cheema, "and when an opportunity to open up an office in this area presented itself, I decided to seriously consider it. I spent quite a bit of time researching the area and meeting the residents, and the more I got to know about West Sacramento, the more I liked it. Not only are the people nice and friendly, but I believe the whole area is going to grow rapidly in the future and I would very much like to be part of that."

Earlier this year, Dr. Cheema took over the medical practice of longtime West Sacramento physicians Gaing Chan and Gordan Ma, both of whom retired on March 10th.

"Dr. Chan and Dr. Ma have practiced medicine in the West Sacramento community for 78 combined years," said Dr. Cheema, "and that is something they can be very proud of. They have also both been most helpful to me in making the transition a smooth one and I especially appreciate them helping me get to know many of their patients better. One nice thing is that Dr. Chan, Dr. Ma and I all belong to the same HMO (Sutter Independent Physician Medical Group) so no change will be required in anyone's insurance plans. And now that I will be their primary care doctor, I want all of Dr. Chan's and Dr. Ma's patients to feel free to drop by the office any time they are in the area to say hello and introduce themselves."

Dr. Cheema's office at 1029 Jefferson Boulevard is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sandra Ashley, his nurse practitioner, is available every morning by appointment (371-7734). Dr. Cheema is also part of a six member team of doctors which can be easily reached by phone on weekends and in the evenings.

"My goal has always been to treat the total patient," explained Dr. Cheema, "both as an individual and as a member of the family unit and I am anxiously looking forward to meeting all of the medical needs of my many new patients."

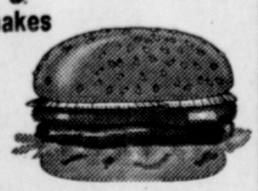
Dr. Cheema and his wife have three children; two daughters, aged 13 and 3, and a son, who is 10.

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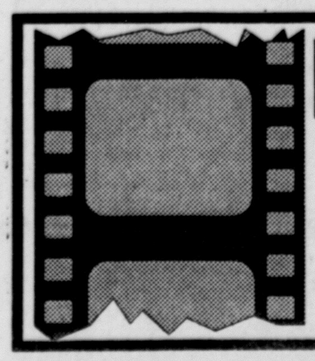


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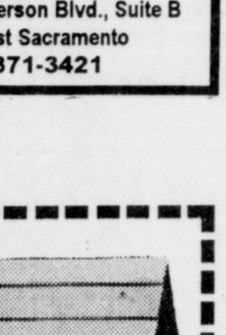
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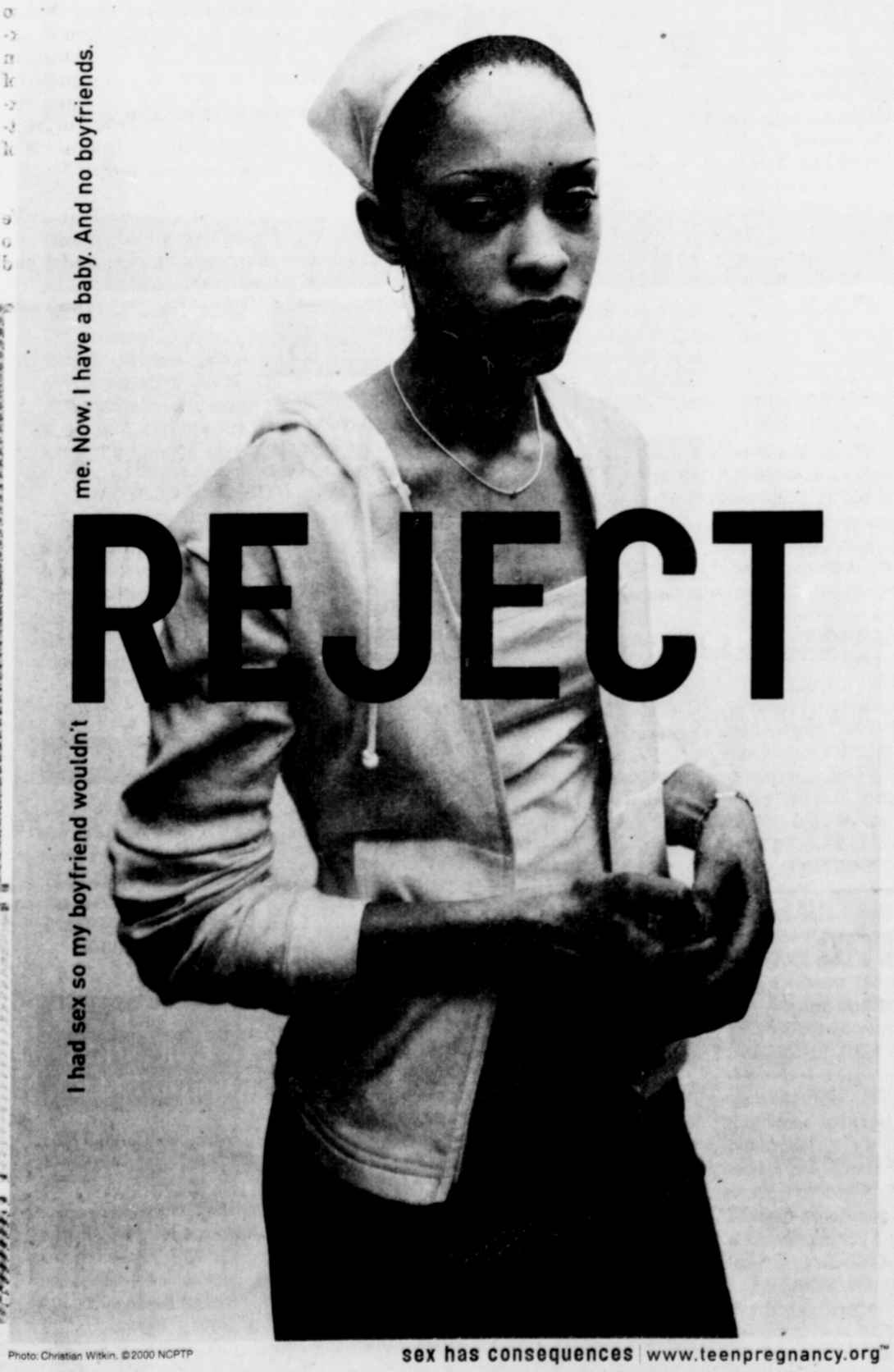


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PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered two feet one inch, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday.

Mrs. William Parisot, who has been staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nichols, in West Sacramento during the past three months, will return to her home in Frontenac, Kansas, next Saturday evening.

Last Thursday night the storeroom at the Fraser & Doyle service station on Fifth street was broken into by burglars and a quantity of goods taken which consisted mostly of automobile tires, accessories, tubes and other parts. The value of the goods taken is estimated by the owners to have been about $200, which was not insured. Following the burglary Fraser & Doyle decided that it was time to place a steady watchman over the plant so that no further depredations would be committed during the winter months. M. Simpson is now taking care of the station at night and under instructions of the owners and Constable Buckingham has authority to pop at anyone who tries another robbery.

An attempt was made last Wednesday night to get into the Hoffman soft drink place at Second and Anne streets. The screen door on the Anne street side was broken in the effort to pry it loose but evidently the burglars were frightened off by the approach of somebody either from the direction of the bridge or someone moving in the early morning hours from Washington to Sacramento. The inside door was just scratched a little but the lock was not broken.

In West Sacramento yesterday the automobile driven by Mrs. Philip Wolf was badly damaged while it was parked on the side of the road. A large truck lead of wood passed so close to the car that a protruding stick caught in the top of the machine and practically demolished it. Fortunately Mrs. Wolf was a witness to the wreck and secured the license number of the truck. She will prosecute, if necessary, to recover the damage done to the car.

Henry Leinberger, Sr., has been confined to his bed since last Saturday suffering with a case of pleurisy but has not been dangerously ill. Although under medical attention, the case was not a serious one and he is improving as well as could be expected. Leinberger is over ninety-four years of age and during that long period has had a few spells of sickness that confined him to his home. Only a short while ago he celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday and at that time was as hale and hearty as when he came to Yolo County over sixty years ago.

Jack Ross was arrested last Saturday by Constable Buckingham on a charge of vagrancy. Jack has been a dope user for some considerable time and when found around the jungles by Constable Buckingham was taken up "to protect him from himself." He is advanced in years but still continues to use narcotics whenever he can secure them. When taken before Judge Barry he was sentenced to seventy days in the Yolo County jail.

Mrs. Catherine Brown has returned home after visiting with friends and relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. Mary Noyes and Mrs. George Bowers have returned home after spending several days visiting with friends and relatives in Hammonton.

Mrs. Sady Parker of Folsom is making an extended visit at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dassonville.

Sheriff James W. Monroe of Woodland was a visitor in Washington on Sunday.

A. A. Powers, Yolo County probation agent, spent Saturday here on business.

Miss Helen Dassonville is confined to her home by illness.

After spending a short while in Auburn, Mrs. B. Moss and E. Flint and family returned home.

Mrs. William Hughes and her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Collett, spent the week-end in Oakland on a pleasure trip. On their return from the bay region Sunday night, a reunion was held at the home of J. L. White, Sr., at which eighteen members of the family were present. Mrs. Collett has now returned to her home in Seattle, Wash., after spending three months in this section.

William Snodgrass has moved to Sacramento to make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Annis Thomas and Mrs. Bell Ross left Sunday for San Francisco to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. Wallace of Vallejo. The deceased was an aunt of the Washington residents.

WOMAN BOOTLEGGER IS SENT TO JAIL

Mary Housen, arrested on September 30 in a boathouse on this side of the Sacramento River on a charge of violating the federal prohibition act, pleaded guilty in the federal court and was given the alternative of a $600 fine or a three-month jail sentence. She declined to pay and was committed to jail.

The milk companies of Cincinnati lose 5,000,000 milk bottles annually.

M'ANULTY BROTHERS PAID SHORT VISIT TO WEST SACRAMENTO

As announced by the Independent of last Friday, three McAnulty brothers visited West Sacramento during that day and after viewing the new purchase made by them decided to leave for San Francisco, Los Angeles and Minneapolis to wind up affairs in those offices so as to start intensive work in the West Sacramento district.

On their visit last Friday they were accompanied by George M. Jones and Philip I. Manson, who confirmed the assertions made in the Independent that the deal between the bondholders of the district and the McAnultys had been completed.

Evidences of confirmation are seen already in the district. Already the San Francisco & Sacramento Railroad has placed several carloads of crushed rock at the unloading platform in West Sacramento. This is in preparation of much hauling that is anticipated in the new work of exploitation.

Another evidence of new movement is the sinking of a well north of the county highway in front of headquarters building. The contract for this well is in the hands of Wallace E. Bland of San Jose, who has now two carloads of well casing on hand and ready for installation.

The new well will not be connected with any of the mains now laid in the district but will be the first unit of a new water system that is about to be installed.

This well is to be sunk to a depth of six hundred or seven hundred feet and will be sixteen inches in diameter at the top and about ten or twelve inches at the bottom.

The first promotion will be done on the 250 acres north of the highway and west of the San Francisco & Sacramento Railroad tracks. This includes part of the townsite of West Sacramento but eventually the entire townsite will be taken over by the McAnulty brothers.

ALASKA PACKERS WILL PLANT 100 ACRES IN PEARS

Work will be started immediately by the Alaska Packers Association under the direction of A. M. Jongeneel to prepare one hundred acres of land in the vicinity of their headquarters near the river and south of West Sacramento for the planting of pears early next spring.

The work of leveling, grading and cultivation will keep many men busy during the winter season and the work will be started early next week.

On the experimental patch of five acres planted to various fruits and vegetables last year, it was found by the association that one of the best crops that can be raised on this land is pears. The growth of young trees in that locality is extraordinary and while other crops do splendidly there it seems that pears do better than the average.

A large parcel of land owned by the Alaska Packers Association west of Lake Washington is about to be used for intense cultivation early next year. Along the west shore of the lake a road is now being built. The grading has been nearly completed and macadam is being hauled for the roadbed. Many teams are at work on this construction at the present time and notices have been posted prohibiting hunters and sportsmen from shooting in the locality during the period of construction.

This is the first time in the history of Lake Washington that any prohibition has prevailed in that locality against duck hunting or goose hunting, but at this writing it is absolutely necessary because thoughtless hunters have scared several teams, causing runaways.

TRUCK DRIVERS OF LISBON DISTRICT MUST ANSWER

Fourteen truck drivers of the Lisbon district have lately been more or less careless in observance of traffic laws and road regulations in that district and outside of it.

Some have been overloading without even a thought of breaking the law. Others have traveled at night without lights, and still others have not had their license plates in any kind of condition.

Indeed it is remarkable how negligent they became because during the rush of the harvest season traffic officers did not bother them.

Last Monday George Monaghan and H. R. Jacobs went down through the district and cited fourteen of these drivers to appear before Judge Barry on October 27 to explain why they don't know anything about the traffic laws of the state.

Washington Boosters' Club Considers Drainage, Jungles and Other Important Subjects

At the meeting of the Washington Boosters' Club last Tuesday evening in the town hall the jungle question took up a good deal of time of the evening and in addition the secretary of the club was requested to communicate with Mr. Beardslee, the supervisor, concerning a blocked gutter on Fourth street at Harriet street.

When gas mains were being laid on the streets last spring the gutter was torn open and evidently was not properly returned to place, with the result that the late rains flooded properties in the neighborhood for a short time.

To prevent future flooding of private properties, the secretary of the Boosters' Club was requested to communicate with Mr. Beardslee, asking him to have the culvert replaced or repaired so that property owners in the neighborhood might not be damaged during future rains.

Cleaning up the jungles of Sacramento will mean damage to the property owners and home owners of Washington, because whenever any flurry of cleanup comes along in the capital city the shortest route out of town is across the bridges to Washington.

God knows there are too many jungles harboring too many criminals, too many dope fiends and too many canned heat fiends already in Washington without adding more, but if the army from Sacramento crosses the bridges, ten constables to aid Buckingham would not be sufficient to keep the town clean.

In Sacramento one hundred constables or policemen have not successfully kept the jungles of the American River clean.

Members of the Boosters' Club of Washington fear an influx of the undesirable element and will take such steps as possible to prevent flooding the town with the denizens that are about to be driven out of the jungles of Sacramento.

The committee on entertainment that was appointed at a previous meeting was given further time to report back.

Following the meeting last Tuesday evening a friendly discussion took place concerning the various amendments and measures on the ballot on November 4. This became so interesting that it was decided to hold a public meeting next Tuesday evening in the town hall and invite a public speaker to be present to explain insofar as possible the eighteen measures on the ballot on November 4.

The Independent was requested to publish an invitation to all the residents of the town and to the residents of West Sacramento and Riverbank to be present at the meeting next Tuesday evening to hear an exposition or explanation of these various measures which are usually so little understood and which are greatly neglected by the voters on the day of election.

P. A. Fitzgerald was requested to secure the services of some attorney or other person versed in the various subjects on the ballot.

John W. Johnston, assemblyman from the fourteenth district of Sacramento County, was mentioned as being thoroughly acquainted with these various measures and it was thought by the members of the club that if his services could be obtained for the evening it would be well worth the time and attention of those who are interested in voting intelligently on November 4.

P. S.—Honorable John W. Johnston, assemblyman from the fourteenth district of Sacramento, was invited by the Independent to address the meeting in the town hall next Tuesday evening and has consented to do so, solely for the purpose of explaining these initiative and proposed amendments to the constitution.

BUCKINGHAM HAS WRITE-IN OPPONENT IN E. P. SMITH

Friends of E. P. Smith, a resident of the Elkhorn district, have prompted him to enter the race for supervisor in a write-in campaign against Henry Buckingham.

Already some cards have been tacked up in prominent places by Mr. Smith and it was this action that spread the news that there would be a contest.

Before the primary election it was rumored around the district that Mr. Smith would be a candidate but when time drew near for the primaries he failed to show when there were already three candidates in the field.

Buckingham defeated both his opponents at the primary, W. E. M. Beardslee and Eli Fourness.

Receiving the information late yesterday the Independent could not get into communication with Mr. Smith to give him an opportunity to express his views.

Buckingham was interviewed and declared he had nothing to say at this writing. He had heard the report that Smith would be a write-in opponent but refused to express an opinion on that action.

In next week's Independent the views of Mr. Smith will be given expression.

REUNION HELD AT MURPHY HOME LAST TUESDAY EVENING

The lion of the occasion, Frank Murphy, sheriff of Tucson, Arizona, spent last Tuesday evening at a family reunion in the Murphy home on Second street, Washington. The occasion was memorable because a similar event had not taken place for over sixteen years.

Sheriff Murphy spent some time in Washington and Sacramento following the event and was greatly surprised at the great growth of this section of Yolo County.

Besides the family of Mrs. Murphy present on the occasion, there were also present J. Wagner and wife of East Nicolaus, C. Coppin and children of Pleasant Grove, C. Clifton and wife of Washington, Walter Leinberger and wife of Washington, Reese Murphy and family of Washington, and William Dorris and family of Washington.

A great feast had been prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Murphy, and following dinner the entire party adjourned to a theater entertainment in Sacramento.

FATHER MARCUCCI IS RECIPIENT OF VALUABLE GIFT

Before leaving for his home in Italy last Monday night, Rev. Father Marcucci, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Washington, was tendered a valuable gift by the members of his parish and by many Sacramento friends.

The gift consisted of a purse gathered by the young ladies of his parish, some beneficient persons of Sacramento, some members of the Young Men's Institute, and some members of the Knights of Columbus, as well as some members of the Order of St. Francis.

This magnificent evidence of appreciation goes to show that during the time he spent in Washington, Father Marcucci obtained the confidence and good will of those with whom he came in contact. That portion of the gift he prized most was that gathered by the young ladies of Washington and in expressing his gratitude to them his tears manifested his sincerity.

Catholics and Protestants alike contributed to the donation.

In the departure of Rev. Father Marcucci, the churches in Washington and Riverbank will not be left without attention.

Rev. Bishop Keane has provided that one of the priests of the Cathedral will give services in both of the churches every Sunday, as usual, but temporarily there will be no resident pastor.

RANCH RAIDED

Federal prohibition agents acting under the supervision of Isaac Cory last Wednesday night raided a ranch-house northwest of Washington in Yolo County, occupied by Festo Celso. They found a large quantity of wine and an abandoned still. Celso was permitted his freedom after he had paid the revenue tax on the wine.

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SACRAMENTO GIRL RAISES CAIN WITH FILIPINO HERE

Mrs. Frances Aranda, a comely Creole, raised Cain last Tuesday night at the West Side Auto Camp near the subway on the state highway.

Out all day with a Filipino on a joyride and using considerable jackass on the way, the two stopped at the camp to settle their troubles. Frances claimed the Filipino owed her a dollar and a half and when he refused to pay her she took the keys of his automobile and made a bee line to cross the Southern Pacific bridge. Constable Buckingham was informed and went in pursuit in hot haste.

He forced her to return and eventually coaxed her to give up the keys although the Filipino still refused to pay his dues.

"Molly-No-Socks," a friend of Frances, made her getaway when Constable Buckingham made his appearance, but she was so overcome with the cup that cheers that she was absolutely useless in the fight between Frances and the oriental. At any rate, residents of the auto camp had a picnic that night until the combatants were placed in jail.

On Wednesday Judge Barry told Frances that he ought to send her to jail for ninety days, but seeing she was so sober at that time he made the sentence only sixty days.

As a worker Frances is a wonder and makes much money in Sacramento, but when she gets a load aboard she doesn't even fear a buzz-saw.

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Muslims and non-Muslims participate in traditional Ramadan fasting

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

Imagine waking up long before the crack of dawn to have your first meal of the day, then waiting until after sunset to have your next meal.

For people of the Islamic faith (and some who aren't) this is the daily routine for the month-long fasting of Ramadan during December.

The routine is a part of fulfilling the tradition of Ramadan, celebrating one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

The Muslim calendar is based on a lunar (moon) system, which is why their fasting takes place between sunrise and sunset.

"The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down, a guidance for mankind, clear proofs for the guidance, the Criterion; so whoever amongst you witness this month, let him fast it." (Surah al-Baqarah 2:185)

This quote from the Quran explains why the fasting takes place during Ramadan. The Muslim Prophet Muhammad had the Quran, the Muslim holy book, revealed to him during this time. The Quran is reflected as a Huda *(a guidance) in Islamic culture, teaching the Muslims respect, dignity, honor, and love, and of their supreme Lord, Allah.*

The most traditional and widely spread celebration of Ramadan is by fasting, which we here at River City can find in abundance.

> *Because River City is a site of blooming diversity and many open minds, Muslims are not the only ones participating in the fast.*

There are many faithful and religious followers of Allah fasting throughout the day at this school, including Senior Class President Mugeda Ferouz. She explained the traditions that go on in her family, which include "waking up before sunrise to eat" and how she began participating in Ramadan, "when I was in seventh grade, like most kids, when they enter puberty." Fasting creates a "pureness" of the body, she said.

Celebrators of Ramadan abstain from food, drink, and other sensual pleasures. Mugeda concluded, "All traditions within Ramadan are celebrated with people behaving exceptionally good, and focusing a lot of attention on God."

The last three days of Ramadan are vibrantly celebrated. Muslims from all homes travel to mosques and pray. Mugeda had explained that in Afghan tradition they celebrate by serving a variety of desserts.

Because River City High School is a site of blooming diversity and many open minds, Muslims are not the only ones participating in the fast. Seniors Olivia De Mars, Sarah Penrod and Susan Guerrero are all respectfully observing the tradition. Asked how she felt about people of non-Islamic faith practicing the traditions of Ramadan, Mugeda enthusiastically replied, "I think it's awesome. It's absolutely wonderful!!"

Updates and Briefs

Kaiser presents play at River City

Secrets, a play put on by Kaiser Permanente, came to River City on December 6. There were two performances, one for freshmen and one for sophomores. *Secrets* is meant to inform students of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and AIDS. The play may return in the spring to give shows for the junior and senior classes.

By Ivy Branaman

American Red Cross offers volunteer opportunities

Looking for a community service opportunity? American Red Cross is looking for volunteers for different projects. Those projects include training for CPR, representing the Red Cross at special community events, teaching personal computer classes, serving meals for the homeless, preparing care packages for international service, peer mentoring and serving as translators when needed. The projects are available on different days and times.

The Red Cross is a well-recognized and internationally known organization. It is a privilege to have a certificate or a letter of experience from the Red Cross. Contact Youth Coordinator Linda Lamphear for application at (916)368-3220.

By Valeri Kesov

Gay-Straight Alliance will host leadership training workshop

The Gay-Straight Alliance will host a regional leadership training workshop that is put on for students by students. Students from all around the Sacramento area will meet in the River City library on January 6. Geoff Winder from Davis High School will be one of the group leaders. Interested students should see Mr. Sanborn for more information.

The G.S.A. is putting much effort into the reference library. The response to a web site request for donations was immediate. About 200 books have been donated which include political, college reference, non-fiction, fiction, self help, religion, and coming out sections. In order to check these books out for a limit of two weeks, you must contact Mr. Sanborn or Ashley Gully during their meeting in room 56 during both lunches on Wendesdays.

"I would recommend the book *I'm Blue* because it's about discrimination and humiliation," said Ashley, co-chair of G.S.A.

By Liliana Reyes

River City's algebra readiness test scores improve

The math department's diagnostic test results have come in, and scores are improving. Every student in a math class at River City took the algebra readiness test in October. In October of 1998, the students scored an average of 24.9 test questions correct. In October of 1999, students improved by a margin of 1.9 test questions correct. The test score was an average of 26.8 in October 1999.

In October, 2000, students scored an average of 33.2 questions correct, an increase of 6.4 questions. The math department believes the scores will continue to progress.

By Chandoeun Phoung

Mock Trial to try murder case

By Michael Parrish
Staff Writer

Just recently Devin Tanner pointed the finger at his mom for allegedly killing his sister almost twenty years ago. Young Devin Tanner was only about two years old when it happened. The coroner who checked the body found no evidence of a struggle so the case closed, only to be opened again twenty years later.

When a different coroner examined the remains this time, he found a spiral fracture on the arm and skin cells of the mother under the victim's nails, prime evidence of a struggle.

So now Loren Tanner will be tried for the murder of her daughter Virginia.

This is the case that this year's Mock Trial team will try. This year they hope to go farther than last year, but that will be hard since last year's team went all the way to the state competition. This year's mock trial team will be a bit different from last year's. There are new people this year as well as good veterans like Alex Matthews. Alex Matthews said, "The reason I come back every year is because it's fun and it is a challenge."

Mock Trial meetings are after seventh period every Monday and Wednesday in room 65 with Mr. O'Connor. If you are still curious about Mock Trial and would like to sign up, talk to Mr. O'Connor. There are still lots of spots on the team available.

B.E.S.T. members present research to Chevron; commercial a possibility

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

The presentation that B.E.S.T. Club was supposed to give to the Chevron Company on October 15 was postponed until November 3. The members took this as an opportunity to better their presentation. The company funded a project in which the club researched the environmental impact on the Swainson's Hawk in the Sacramento area. If the presentation was successful, Chevron will be funding a commercial to promote its "kindness to animals" image, in which River City students and their fellow B.E.S.T. members from Woodland High School may have a chance to take part.

The club put forth a full 100 percent effort at the presentation. According to Mrs. McCallister, the club adviser, they created a Power Point presentation to accompany their research. B.E.S.T. also created various forms of art, t-shirts with Swainson's Hawk logos, and a video to display at the presentation.

How did Chevron react to all of this information? The club observed that the company was very receptive to their presentation. Mrs. McCallister stated that she felt that the presentation went "really well." As for reaching their goal, a commercial may be in the future, but not in less than two to three years.

In the meantime, B.E.S.T. is being keeping busy with gadgets like palm-pilots and cellular phones that Chevron has donated to the club in recognition of their efforts.

They are also raising funds to rebuild damaged nests of the Swainson's Hawk. The Swainson Hawk project will continue to be monitored by the old and new members of B.E.S.T. for years to come.

Mrs. McCallister will be taking five students to a UC Davis leadership conference to enlighten them about college. The members are also steadily preparing for the annual math competition in January where they will reach for top place for River City.

Physics class builds catapults



By Daniel Wilson
Staff Writer

Ms. Hines' junior and senior physics classes participated in a catapult competition recently. The students had to build wooden catapults measuring two feet by two feet by two feet and launch a golf ball the farthest.

Igor Dykan from first period came in first place with a 126-foot launch. Brad Engle came in second with 98 feet, and Anthony O'Connor was third with 68 feet. This competition was held even though it rained. Ms. Hines said her students insisted on holding the competition no matter what the conditions.

In February, her physics students will participate in an egg drop contest. Participants must construct a target designed to cushion the eggs' landings. Eggs will be dropped from the top row of the bleachers out on the football field here at River City and at Sac State from the sixth floor of a parking structure. At least three must land unbroken.

'Concepts of the Self' theme for Academic Decathlon

By Liliana Reyes
Staff Writer

The Academic Decathlon competition will be in Woodland on Saturday, February 3.
The theme for this year is Concepts of the Self. This theme will be based on western philosophy and psychology, as well as world religions and philosophies including Chinese philosophy, traditional African religions, Native American religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

The team will consist of nine students, from the ninth through twelfth grade. Each team is made up of three Honors students (3.75-4.00 GPA), three Scholastic students (3.00-3.74 GPA), and three Varsity students (2.99 and under GPA). Team members will compete in ten Academic Decathlon events in Yolo County against Winters, Davis, Woodland, and Esparto High Schools.

Soon after, the county winners compete at the state level; the state championship team will compete at the national finals in Washington, D.C.

Academic Decathlon recently went on a field trip to Joaquin Delta College for a fine art seminar day. Highlights included an art presentation by Domenicus Thoetocopoulos called Greco, paintings and figures of Byzantine art, Greco is known for a highly unique style. Jennifer Barrows, an instructor of art history, gave an orientation to the young audience about the aspects of formal analysis. A formal analysis is an examination of the visual elements that constitute a work of art.

Next there was a musical presentation of World Sacred Music: "Sounds of the Soul."

Finally, the Stockton Civic Theatre presented *Frankenstein*, a play in two acts, adapted from the novel by Mary Shelley. "It was a sad story," said Mr. Sanborn.

On a Saturday in February, the Academic Decathlon will visit the community college at Woodland for a presentation on the human cell.

RC cheerleaders to compete

By Chandoeun Phoung
Staff Writer

River City cheerleaders will compete January 13 in a USA regional competition at Tokay High School. They are performing in small varsity category. Ten girls from the River City squad will attend: Kaitlyn Bravo, Kristina Norris, Raedawn O'Dell, Ashlee Stigen, Alex Pruitt, Anna Cheechov, Felica Ortega, Amanda Hughes, Serina Sommer, and Shannon Fristoe.

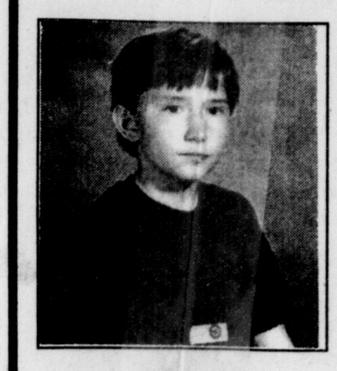
Some of the stunts the squad has planned are the liberty and the full down move. The liberty stand is when the cheerleaders line up with three cheerleaders on the bottom who pick up two cheerleaders and hold them straight up for about ten seconds. The full down stunt is when a group of cheerleaders tosses one cheerleader into the air where she spins and is caught in a "cradle."

"We want first place," exclaimed Felica Ortega. "First you gotta want it and work as a team."

Perspectives

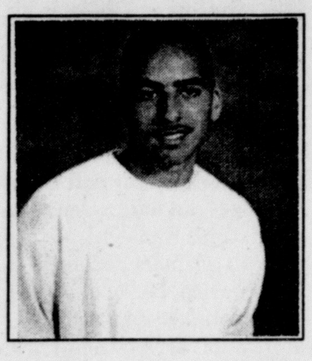
Question in the Quad

With Christmas Day just around the corner, **The Review** decided to ask, "What do you want for Christmas and why?" Our answers ranged from toy monster trucks to little puppies. Most of the answers were cute and one was pretty outrageous.



"I want a mini me because I am shorter than everyone I know."

~ Tim Parrish
Freshman



"I want to ride in a space shuttle, because I want to see the stars up close."

~ Mike Fonbuena
Sophomore



"I want the world because it's something I can't have."

~ Megan George
Junior



"I want a bass guitar because I am going to be famous."

~ Lupe Castaneda
Senior

Seasons greetings from **The Review** staff!
Make it your New Year's resolution to voice your opinion to **The Review** by writing a letter and dropping it in the white and blue starred box in the office. If you don't speak up, your voice will never be heard.



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Our Voices

Little kids' faces light up on Christmas morning every year when they see that there are presents for them under the tree. Those same little kids will grow up and realize that Santa Claus does not exist, but some will go on believing. Since it is December, Review staff members responded to the question: "When did you stop believing in Santa Claus?"

I have to believe in Santa Claus

As long as I can remember my mom has told me that Santa Claus brought gifts to children all over the world on Christmas Eve. When I was four, I asked her "How does Santa bring presents? We don't have a chimney."

She looked at me as if I were stupid and responded, "He walks through the door."

When I was five, we moved to a new house with a chimney. I asked, "How come Santa doesn't get burned?"

"Well," she began, " Santa has a special suit that doesn't catch on fire. His suit is fireproof!"

When I was seven, I came to the conclusion that Santa was not real.

However, I was too afraid to tell my family. I told my older brother and he told me that I was stupid. My dad told me to ask my mom and I refused to approach her for fear of another fallacious story. Finally, four years later, I told my mom I didn't believe and she made it clear that I would believe in Santa Claus as long as I expected gifts under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

To this day, at age 15, I am forced to believe in Santa. Of course, I could refuse to believe, but then I wouldn't get any presents. Even my brother, at age 20, believes, because he knows that he has to, to get his presents. I really stopped believing eight years ago, but I want some presents under our Christmas tree, so as far as my mom is concerned, I have never stopped believing.

By Ivy Branaman

Old Saint Nick really does exist

I've always believed in Santa Claus. Maybe a little less than I did when I was younger, but I still believe. I figured out a long time ago that there was no such real person as Santa Claus, and that took all the fun out of Christmas. Then I got to thinking, "Maybe there is no real person by the name of Santa Claus, but there is always the spirit."

I feel sorry for those who never believed in Santa Claus. Those people lost out on so much excitement, and the merriment of believing in a person who symbolized so many great things such as giving is better than receiving. Never once did I give Santa a present, but every year he managed to give me one.

People may find it childish to believe in a person or spirit they think does not exist. What they are not taking into consideration is that it does exist. It exists within them and they have the power to believe. I could choose not to believe in the spirit of Santa, but I don't. I believe just like some believe in God and in Jesus.

When people lose the belief in a person like Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, or the Tooth Fairy, they lose the innocence of youth. It is then that they have to face the harsh realities of the world at hand. I am not willing to face those realities just yet, and I will cling to the belief in old Saint Nick until I can no longer believe.

By Olivia De Mars

Santa didn't exist in our culture

I never believed in Santa Claus, for I never knew he existed. Old Saint Nick did not influence on culture, which is Cambodian. Santa Claus was not part of my family's upbringing. Christmas is not just a holiday with gifts, but a religious thing. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. Therefore, Santa Claus and Christmas are part of Christianity. It was not part of my culture or my religion.

I have not lost my belief in Santa Claus because I never knew he existed.

By Chandoeun Phong

I found out my parents were Santa Claus

I was eight years old when I stopped believing in Santa Claus. I couldn't sleep because I was too excited about the new toys and cloths he was going to bring me. I was just about to fall asleep when I heard a noise. I was too frightened to get up and see for fear that if it was Santa that he would leave and I would end up with nothing. I lay in my bed thinking of what I should do. Finally, after five minuets or so, I got the guts to peak out my door. When I opened the door I did not find Santa but my dad drinking the milk and eating the cookies that I had just made before I had went to bed.

At first, I didn't think anything of it, just that my dad was craving cookies and milk, but then I saw my mom laying out presents for my brother and me. I was so devastated; I shut my door and went to bed. When morning came I confronted my parents on the subject and the truth came out that there was no Santa Claus.

By Jennifer Gabourie

My dad was Santa

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was nine years old, because our fireplace was covered by a big bookshelf. Another reason I stopped believing in Santa Claus was because every Christmas Day we would go out to eat breakfast as a family. Each time my brother and I would sit in the car for minutes at a time waiting for my mom and dad to come out. When we came back from breakfast, I would open the front door and there would be more presents under the tree. Santa Claus signed all of them, but I knew they were from my mom and dad. Even though I knew that the presents were from my mom and dad, I still thought it was sweet of them to do it. That's why I stopped believing Santa, but it's nice to believe in him when you're younger.

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By Beverly Enos

It was nice believing in Santa

Santa Claus. Everyone rembers him as the guy in the red suit who gives out presents if you've been good this year. I believed in Santa until I was 12 years old. When I was nine i would be so excited coming home from the long Christmas Eve at my grandmothers house. My dad would say, "You kids wait here while i go open up the door and put the heater on so the house won't be so cold." Little did my sisters and I know that he was actually putting the presents by the chiminy so when we came in we were all excited that Santa came to our house and broughtpresents. I can't believe I didn't catch on sooner that my dad was the culprit.

I used to put milk and cookies out for Santa Claus and my dad was the one eating them all along. When I finally realised it, I asked my parents and they were kind of embarassed about it. Beliving in Santa Calus and geting presents was fun while it lasted, even though it was all thanks to my parents. I gave my parents a big high five for giving me the chance to be a kid and believe in Santa Claus.

By Vanesa Rosales

I never believed in the fictitious Santa Claus

Well, being the clever child I am I never believed in Santa Claus. It just never seemed real. How can some guy who supposedly is fat go around the world in one night and give each child everything they wanted?

I also know he didn't exist because as a little girl I lived in Tijuana and I saw little kids working on Christmas Day. The way I looked at it was: if Santa Clause exists, then how come he can't make everybody who's poor rich for the day? That way they could buy themselves lots of presents.

Another reason why I never believed in Santa Claus is because I saw my parents come in with bags and then being the nosy little girl I am I peeked and boy was I surprised when I got the stuff I saw on Christmas day.

By Esthela Duran

Santa brings special magic to children

Santa Claus: the most distinctive and widely known figure of Christmas. There are Caucasian, African, Chinese, Mexican and many more Santas around the world. Even children not of Christian faith believe in the white-bearded gift giver. Me? Well, I can't recall ever believing in Santa Claus. I never wrote to the North Pole, nor went to see Santa at the mall. I just read of him as a character, one who was purely imaginary, because after all, my parents gave me presents, not some stranger. But although I knew that he didn't exist in the form of a fat guy in a red suit, Santa Claus, just the image of him, brought about a special magic. He had a magic about him which tended to raise the spirits of people, a magic filled with kind spirits and miracles.

I guess I still believe in Santa Claus, maybe not in the form of a man flying around on reindeer, just handing out presents, but as a kinder human spirit, who helps bring joy to even the darkest hearts. So in a way, I guess I still believe in Santa Claus.

By Shalini Sumeshwar

I pretended to believe

I truthfully never believed in Santa Claus. The thought of an old man going from house to house giving away presents to all the good little children of the world seamed like too much to handle. Actually, the idea of an old man wearing a red suit, going down people's chimney's in the night kind of scared me as a child.

Few kids in my kindergarten class would say that they believed in Santa Claus, but I would think that they just "pretended" to believe in Santa Claus.

When the teachers and adults saw these kids make up lists for what they wanted for Christmas, they thought that it was so cute. So there I would be in the crowd, pretending to believe in Santa.

All that acting didn't last long. I soon didn't even care at all, never giving it a second thought. I always thought that a character like Santa Claus was totally ridiculous, although I did believe in the tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny for quite some time.

By Jesus Rivera

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Features and Sports

Take the Christmas spirit quiz

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

Test your Christmas spirit! You may be as jolly as old St. Nick, or as mean as the Grinch who stole Christmas.

This is a scientifically proven test to test your Christmas spirit.

1. What is the name of the reindeer that saved Christmas one "foggy Christmas Eve?"
a.)Jason Williams
b.) Dr. Evil
c.) Rudolph
d.) Ms. Costanza

2. What do you want for Christmas?
a.) peace and joy for all the world
b.) peace and joy for yourself
c.) to win your next basketball game or wrestling match
d.) a video tape or DVD of Austin Powers I or II

3. How do you plan on obtaining your Christmas gifts?
a.) the Internet
b.) the Downtown Mall
c.) the Florin Mall
d.) the Dollar Tree store
e.) hand-make all your gifts

4. How would Santa Claus rate you for behavior?
a.) kind-considerate-helpful
b.) question mark-exclamation point
c.) teachers pet-momma's boy-freshman
d.) about the same as Jeremiah Hunt

5. What is item number five in the Twelve Days of Christmas?
a.) the five Partridge kids
b.) five golden eggs
c.) the five De Mars kids
d.) five golden rings

6. What is your favorite Christmas song?
a.) "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"
b.) "Silent Night"
c.) "The Twelve Redneck Days of Christmas"
e.)"Grandma Got Ran Over By A Reindeer"

7. What is the best thing about Christmas?
a.) eggnog
b.) it only happens once a year
c.) being with your family
d.) no school

8. What is your favorite Christmas movie?
a.) *Miracle on 34th Street*
b.) *White Christmas*
c.) *Miracle on Clarendon Street*
d.) *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*
e.) *Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer*

9. How do you wrap your presents?
a.) in newspaper
b.) in butcher paper (Johnny Sweeten's Dad :o)
c.) in toilet paper
d.) in Christmas wrapping paper

10. Who is your favorite Christmas person?
a.) Santa Claus
b.) Jesus Christ
c.) Coach Baker
d.) The Grinch

1. a.) 3 b.) 1 c.) 4 d.) -2
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6. a.) 2 b.) 4 c.) 3 d.) 1
7. a.)2 b.)1 c.)4 d.) 3
8. a.)2 b.)4 c.)6 d.) 1 e.) -2
9. a.)1 b.)2 c.)-3 d.) 4
10. a.)8 b.)10 c.)9 d.) 1

40-48 **Santa's little helper-** "You are blessed with the spirit of Christmas. You do things without being asked and are well liked by your acquaintances," said Yule time expert George Bailey. Your idea of Christmas is "it's better to give than to receive."

25-39 **Santa's little rascal-**You are rated borderline nice in Santa's book. Most of the year you are a pleasure to be around, but you have them days when you would have been better off staying in bed. It's time to watch your P's and Q's until after Christmas.

1-24 **Miracles can happen-** you should have been planning for this day last December 26, but don't give up hope. Try watching PAX 29 and hopefully something will rub off.

-10-0 **Christmas Grinch-** "You're too late to make any headway this year. If you want a good present for Christmas, you had better switch the nametags with your goody-two-shoe sibling," said Grinch expert Bart Simpson.

Traditions vary; spirit the same

By Valeri Kesov
Staff Writer

When someone pronounces the word "Christmas" aloud, a person in Great Britain will be thinking of Father Christmas who wears a long green robe and leaves presents in stockings on Christmas Eve, while in the United States, Santa Claus is pulled in a sleigh by eight reindeer. Even among the 50 United States of America, because of a variety of nationalities, Christmas is celebrated 101 ways.

It is an old American tradition that during the month of December in Washington D.C.., a big, spectacular tree is ceremoniously lit when the President presses a button. In Arizona and California the Mexican ritual called Las Posadas is kept up. The ritual procession represents the search of Mary and Joseph for a room at the inn. Families play the parts and visit each other's houses enacting and re-enacting the drama.

There are a number of similarities among the countries of individual continents. For example, in Canada and the United States, there is one name for Santa Claus. And the celebration mainly includes, after crowded shopping, a quiet and peaceful family time spent together. Most important, Santa Claus greets everyone with "Merry Christmas" and his presents.

On Christmas Eve in European countries like Sweden, Russia and Greece, people meet together everywhere on the streets, in cathedral squares, in the theatres and they greet one another by saying, "Maligayamg Pasko" in Swedish and "S Rozhdestvom" in Russian.

In Sweden and Russia, kids and parents visit nearby blocks of neighbors, knocking on every door and spreading hay on the floor. They also dance and sing. In return it is appropriate for neighbors to share candies. Early in the morning food is served and hot chocolate is drunk at the houses.

While the meaning of Christmas stays the same, the ways of celebrating it vary from continent to continent, country to country. Two years ago, I tried to sing and throw hay on the floor on some of my neighbors' houses at Christmas time. It didn't work. People saw us, but didn't even open their doors to politely say "Merry Christmas." Now I realize that this was a happy ending, because if we had continued for five more minutes, they would have said that we had abused their property.

Saved pennies buy heartfelt and beloved gifts for your loved one

By Esthela Duran
Staff Writer

It's December and it's the season for love. It's also the season to start gathering your pennies to give your loved ones a gift they will love as they open it on Christmas morning. Buying gifts for your relatives and friends may seem hard sometimes; however, what are you buying your babe? One of teenagers' biggest concerns when they are with somebody is, "How much should I spend on my boyfriend/girlfriend for Christmas?" Gift giving seems to be important since some people believe it reflects how much your partner likes you. But being a teenager is hard now-a-days and shopping can get pretty expensive.

Should you agree on a budget? This way both persons know exactly how much to spend on each other. Should you just pick out something? What is the gift based on?

"I think it should be from the heart, and I guess the gift reflects the relationship you have with the person. If it's close, you usually get them something more or better than couples with a not- so-close relationship," said Anna Chechov.

> *"I think the gift you give your girlfriend should not be based on a budget. It's the thought that counts."*
> *~Samuel Hernandez*

"I think the gift you want to give your girlfriend should not be based on a budget. It's the thought that counts," said Samuel Hernandez

"I don't think money should be an obstacle to giving your boyfriend a gift as long as you have the money. But I guess the gift reflects the relationship. I mean the more you know him it's easier to know what he wants," said Elizabeth Sexton.

Now, what should you give him or her? Some ideas that students came up with for the girls are a puppy, jewelry, Princess items, favorite Disney character items, flowers (for sure), clothes such as shirts and cute sweaters, coats, and gloves, and if you feel generous and can afford it plane tickets for a trip are also welcomed. But some girls agree that stuffed animals don't do the trick anymore. "I grew out of them," said Otilia Rodriguez.

Suggestions for the boys are sweaters, Getta Clue clothes, a watch, Playstation 2, CD's, Discman, and money. "Anything, that the girl thinks that the guy might like, you gotta know him well I guess," said Saul Hernandez

These are some ideas, but for a perfect gift only your partner will know what's perfect for you. Whatever the gift may be, it's the thought that counts. Enjoy the gifts, and happy holidays!

People in Mexico reenact holy family's quest for lodging

By Mindy M. Mather
Staff Writer

Las Posadas? What is that? Las Posadas is a celebration of the Nativity, which means the birthday of Jesus. These celebrations are a "Novena" or nine days before the 24th, which is the "Noche Buena" or "Holy Night."

In the villages and urban neighborhoods throughout Mexico youngsters gather each afternoon of those nine days to reenact the holy family's quest for lodging in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. " It's like an imitation of Joseph and Mary's search for a home to stay at in Bethlehem," said Virginia Mendez. "All the homes turn them away until finally one says they can stay in the stable." Afterwards there is a celebration and there are piñatas for the kids to play with and hot chocolate for everyone to drink.

That is how Christmas in Mexico is celebrated. Different, isn't it? But all the same it sounds fun and interesting.

Three RC wrestlers win gold at tournament

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

On December 2, the River City Raiders traveled to Amador High School for the j.v. wrestling tournament. Expecting a six-hour tournament, the wrestlers and coaches ended up staying at the high school until ten o'clock at night.

With over 300 kids at the tournament six River City Wrestlers placed. Those placing in the tournament included bronze medallists Antonio Castro, and John Frank, silver medallist Justin Hunt, and gold medallists Michael De Mars, Jeremiah Hunt, and Johnny Sweeten.

Antonio wrestled in the 130 lb. division and won his first match 15-2, but went on to lose his second match 5-6. Antonio teched a guy in his third match 16-5, then went on to wrestle in the match that would determine the third place winner. Antonio used his wrestling skills and won.

John Frank wrestled152 lb. A division and lost his first match with a pin in the second period. He didn't let the loss get to him and he came back fighting to win his next three matches.

Justin Hunt wrestled in the 135 lb. weight division and won all of his matches with a pin, that is until he got to his final match for the gold. He lost 3-3 and took home the silver medal.

Michael De Mars wrestled in the 215 lb. B division. In his first match he pinned his opponent in seven seconds. In his other two matches he pinned his challengers in the first and second rounds. With that Michael won the gold medal.

Jeremiah Hunt wrestled in the 215 lb. division as well, but he was separated into the A sector. Jeremiah had three matches and he pinned all of his opponents in the first and second rounds, taking home the gold.

Johnny Sweeten wrestled in the 125 lb division and won his first match 15-2. He went on to pin his opponent in his second match and he won his third match 8-5, winning the gold.

Those who did not place at the tournament were wrestlers Kurt Beaudikofer, Ryan Fiddler, Steve Engle, A.J. Saucedo, and Jeff Hope.

"We are showing steady improvement," said Coach Ferris, "and we did fairly well for such a young team."

At the end of it all the wrestlers and the two coaches had a 17-hour day, and took home six medals from the tournament at Amador.

Boys and girls j.v. teams off to rough start

By Beverly Enos and
Liliana Reyes
Staff Writer

Each game the j.v. girls basketball team is improving their games. So far the j.v. girls are 0-3. After a loss against Grant, the Lady Raiders were ready to play at home against Rio Linda. It was a close game, but Rio Linda sneaked by with a two- point win.

The next day the Raiders played the Sac Waldorf. It was a close game, but the Raiders lost it by one point.

The j.v. boys team played Mesa Verde and and won 76-60. In their next game against Amador the team was defeated by 22 points. In their third game against Galt the Raiders lost by 22 points.

Varsity basketball teams face tough losses; plans to make comeback

By Ivy Branaman and
Jennifer Gabourie
Features Editor/Staff Writer

With a 1-4 record the varsity girl's basketball team is off to "a little bit of a rocky start" according to Coach Jamie King.

The team defeated Freemont Christian, 52-51. They lost twice to Sacramento Waldorf,26-65 and 42-59. The team was also defeated by Rio Linda, 36-52. However, it was the game they lost to San Juan, score 46-28, that cost them a player.

Senior team member Beverly Enos injured her knee December 2. The team, already small, is now playing with just nine members until Beverly comes back until the middle of December.

The shortage of team members has made practicing difficult said sophomore team member Leanne Briggs. "We're having troubles with injuries and illnesses as well as low numbers [of team members]. That makes it hard for us to run our offenses during practices," she remarked.

The girls' last game is February 15; that leaves them two months to work on their skills and make it to playoffs, like junior team member Veronica Maldonado thinks they can.

Coach King feels that the most recent game against Sacramento Waldorf was "the turning point and they learned the value of execution and importance of maximum effort."

On November 29 the varsity boys basketball team started their pre-season with a win against Mesa Verde, 52-43, at the tournament at Argonaut. " It's always great to win against a league team," stated Coach West.

The game against Amador was a well-played game, but the Raiders lost to Amador 61-50.

They still had a chance to leave with a trophy for third place. However, in the game for third place the Raiders faced Argonaut and lost 68-53. The Raiders took fifth place out of eight teams in the tournament. Coach West said," I feel we should have won against Argonaut, but we played uninspired in the first half."

On December 5 the boys traveled to Rio Linda where they lost 67-58. "Even though we lost, we still battled hard and we rebounded well against at least four 6'5" guys," said Jason DeMars.

Some high points were that Damon Dosty held one of the areas' top scorers Ryan Sowles to 15 points, with the help of his team. Roy Butz had 13 points and 13 rebounds. Then to end the game Yasser Salman hit a half court shot at the buzzer. "It was one hundred percent skill," Yasser said, joking. On a serious note he added, "It was fun at the time, but our ultimate goal was to win."

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Bits & pieces

The school district is taking another look at its policy of allowing long-term use of district facilities by churches and other groups. WUSD might, for example, decide to limit use of facilities by any one group to six months.

This would prevent a church or other organization from setting up a long-term "home" on district property for its meetings or worship services. Only a small user fee is charged to groups who use the district to meet, and that charge is intended only to cover custodian costs.

The change in policy would be appropriate. It is commendable for public facilities to be used to help out local clubs or groups that need a temporary helping hand (as long as any costs to the public are paid for). But it's not appropriate for public property to become a permanent home to a church, service club, or other non-school-related organization on a rent-free basis.

To allow permanent use of school property for only a nominal clean-up fee amounts to a subsidy of these organizations. Six months is a pretty good place to draw the line.

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The facilities policy is just one example of the policies WUSD is now reviewing, and this review is both overdue and welcome. During the last administration, there were a number of other school policies that were either unclear or ignored when inconvenient, leading to questions of fairness.

Is the district superintendent authorized to control the school board's agenda, or does the board president, too, have a say? Is it crystal-clear to local families what kinds of offenses will get their kids suspended or expelled from school? How are board members' requests for information to be handled, and who decides if the board members are to receive what they want?

Clarifying rules like these will help current leadership of the school district do a better job, with less controversy and distraction, than was done by prior leadership.

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An ad in a national magazine touts a new variant of the venerable elm tree that is bred to be resistant to Dutch elm disease.

Elms, of course, are the most famous of the traditional American street trees, but have long been out of favor due to their susceptibility to the disease.

Perhaps the time is right for West Sacramento to create a new Elm Street?

■■■

A lot of people have weighed in on a controversy over allowing a "Gay-Straight Alliance" club at River City High School. Among those who haven't made public statements on this issue, for better or worse, are the five members of the school board.

Letters to the Editor

In response to Hope Herr

I can't believe it has been four years since you have managed to disgust me enough to respond to what I consider opinions taken from the six o'clock news. You and many other people are so eager to label people "homophobes" if they do not agree with what is now called an alternative lifestyle. I am tired of people using the word homophobe to describe people who do not agree with homosexuality. I would especially not expect a high school teacher, Ms. Luttrell, to buy into the misuse of this word. According to Websters New World Dictionary the definition of phobia is "a fear: an irrational, excessive, and persistent fear of some particular thing or situation." Now with that said, tell me, what did Pastor Clements do that was irrational or excessive? You see, I happen to know Pastor Clements, and I also happen to know he did a lot of research on the gay straight alliance club. It is not just some little club exclusive to RCHS. It is a national organization. What Pastor Clements did was pass along information to the school board about the gay straight alliance, so that they could have all the facts. Do you consider this excessive or irrational? As a parent, I myself question if a club like this is appropriate on a school campus of mostly minors. Does this make me a homophobe? Does this make me different from Pastor Clements just because I did not do research for our fabulous school board?

Where do you people get off attacking a man like Pastor Clements? Have you ever done anything for the youth of this community? If you have you should be proud. Pastor Clements has done more for the youth of this community than anyone I know, and I believe that is what drove him to do what he did, pass along some information that he thought should be shared.

I am pleased to read that you are a believer in Christ, you wrote that He loves everyone. I agree. He also has rules for entering the Kingdom of God, which are written in the Bible. So as a believer I am sure you have read in the New Testament, First Corinthians 6:9-11: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Neither the sexually immoral...nor the homosexuals...will inherit the Kingdom of God."

So, is it possible for people to differentiate between a person who is afraid "of" someone and a person who is afraid "for" someone. Please try to show the tolerance for someone like Pastor Clements like you tell people to give to homosexuals, for true Christians pray for homosexuals because of their love for all people, just like Jesus.

DAVID REED
West Sacramento

A special thank you

John and I want to extend our very "sincere and heartfelt thanks" to all of the following persons and/or their businesses in our community who, with their expertise, time, effort and caring helped to make our wedding celebration a most memorable event:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin of the Sacramento Yacht Club for their support and sponsorship, and Ms. Lauren Swietlicki for her accommodating, pleasant and professional nature. You made all the location arrangements so very easy, fun and worry free!

Denise Stevens of "Forever Yours" for reading my mind and creating the most beautiful and freshest floral wedding arrangements.

Kim Cohen of "A Party Affair" for your absolutely delicious wedding cake!

Wally and Robin Enos, Dave and Shelley Cheechov, and Don and Susie Grogan, for all the "wow, the food was great" comments; and a special thanks to Robin, Shelley and Susie for quickly pitching in and virtually completing all of the finishing touches that John and I fell short of time on.

In addition, we would like to recognize and thank Michael Nolasco of "Creative Sound Recording" for timing and coordinating the flow of things from start to finish; Ward Cockerton, Officiating Chaplain, for such a beautiful ceremony; Don Thielen and Dave Sherlock for all the great and memorable photographs; and "Max" @ United Party Rentals for easy and convenient renting.

Finally, a very special thanks to parents Richard and Mary (Bette) Lake, son and daughter-in-law Nik and Elisabethe Prawdzik, our friend, Tom Mannion, all our family and friends for their time, hard work, love and support before, during, and after our wedding, as well as all of those Fire Department personnel who were disappointed they couldn't attend because they were working to "hold down the fort." We truly appreciate you all!

JOHN & SHARON MUIR
West Sacramento

Sac Bee got it wrong

An article printed in the Sacramento Bee Friday, December 8, 2000 stated: "The regional district already won cooperation from West Sacramento for a 17.7 mile pipeline from Natomas to a treatment plant in Elk Grove that would run through the Yolo County town."

This statement was incorrect and harmful. West Sacramento agreed to assist and cooperate in the planning of the route only. It has not agreed to the route being placed in West Sacramento.

If West Sacramento decides to not connect to SRCSD then it seems reasonable that West Sacramento would not want a SRCSD pipeline in West Sacramento. Why would we?

I received numerous calls from concerned citizens who had read this article. It was harmful because it came at a time when citizens are trying to make a decision. It caused them to believe our city had agreed to a SRCSD pipeline in West Sacramento and they now have no voice. It was harmful to Sacramento citizens because it gave them a belief of settlement. I have requested a retraction from the Sacramento Bee.

Please see LETTERS, page 9

Public notices

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 15, 2000
File No. 2000-857

The following person is doing business as Check 'n Go, 92-A West Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695:

Check 'n Go of California Inc., an Ohio Domestic Corporation, 5155 Financial Way, Mason, Ohio 45040.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/11/1997.

/s/Stephen J. Schaller, Secretary
Check 'n Go of California, Inc.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 15, 2000
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 7, 2000
File No. 2000-830

The following person is doing business as Enterprise Business Park III, 1741-1759 Enterprise Boulevard, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Harsch Investment Properties, LLC.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/24/00.

/s/Jordan D. Schnitzer, President
Harsch Investment Properties, LLC

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 6, 2000
File No. 2000-825

The following person is doing business as Terracina at Wildhorse Apartments, 1800 Moore Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616-7638:

USA Properties Fund, Inc., a General Partner for Wildhorse Family Apartments, L.P., 2440 Professional Drive, #100, Roseville, CA 95661 (a CA corp.); Community Housing Opportunities Corp., General Partner for Wildhorse Family Apts., L.P., 1490 Drew Avenue, Suite #160, Davis, CA 95616 (a CA corp.).

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/00.

/s/Edward R. Herzog, Exec. V.P.
USA Properties Fund, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 20, 2000
File No. 2000-882

The following person is doing business as Grandpa Backyard Barbeque, 2011 Berg Ave., Sacramento, California 95822:

Willard Alexander, 4311 Grants Glen St., Whicta Falls, TX 76309.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/00.

/s/Willard Alexander

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 20, 2000
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29 Dec 6 13 20

NOTICE OF VEHICLE LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA Civil Code Sec. 3071 and 3072 that National Self Storage – 2600 Evergreen will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 10:00 a.m. the 12th day of Dec., 2000, the following vehicle to wit: VIN – 1G1JC14G0M7242222, CA. 2WOU751, Chev. 2D-CP, Tenant = Mark Williams, R.V. Sp. 21.

Bob Kolak Auct. Serv.
Lic. A-468 Bond #68368965

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 15, 2000
File No. 2000-856

The following person is doing business as Pampered Pets, 2041 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA 95616:

Heather Anne Hill.

This business is conducted by . The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Rachel Hayes

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 15, 2000
by: /s/Rachel Hayes, Deputy Clerk
Dec 6 13 20 27

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No.: 20009058601095 Loan No.: 3197609 FHA/VA/MI No.: 043-5432706
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JULY 20, 1995 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On December 27, 2000 at 1:00PM, LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded July 31, 1995, as Instrument No. 95-0016680-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by Jeffrey Ken Yasui, and Shelley Marie Yasui, husband and wife Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust
APN# 045-402-011
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2580 Betty Way West Sacramento California 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $130,126.16
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
Date: December 1, 2000 First American Lenders Advantage, LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707
Shane Dunlap, For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728 LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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12/06/00, 12/13/00, 12/20/00
CNS- 173878#

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of the Petition of Russell Edward Steevns on Behalf of Jonathan Russell Bryan, a minor

No. SA00-75
Notice of Hearing

The People of the State of California
To DONALD BRUNS:

By order of this court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge presiding in Department 4 of this court on January 9, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., then and there to show cause, if any you have, why JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN, a minor, should not be declared free of the custody and control of DONALD BRUNS for the purpose of freeing the minor for adoption.

The address of the place of the above hearing is 725 Court Street, Woodland, California.

The following information concerns rights and procedures which relate to this proceeding for the termination of custody and control of DONALD BRUNS as set forth in Section 237.5 of the Civil Code.

(1) At the beginning of the proceeding the court will consider whether or not the interest of JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN require the appointment of counsel. If the court finds that the interests of JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN do require such protection, the court will appoint counsel to represent him, whether or not he is able to afford counsel. JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN will not be present in court unless he so requests or the court so orders.

(2) If a parent of JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint the same counsel to represent JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYAN and his parent.

(3) The court may appoint either the public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he or she will receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount to be paid by the real parties in interest, but not by the minor, in such proportions as the court believes to be just. If, however, the court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the amount will be paid by the county.

(4) The court may continue the proceeding for not more than 30 days as necessary to appoint counsel and to enable counsel to become acquainted by the case.

Dated: Dec 07, 2000
Kathleen M. White, Clerk
By: L. Cato, Deputy Clerk
Dec 13 20 27 Jan 3

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. 00-07355 Loan No. 7848722 Title Order No. 577452 Investor/Insurer No. 1659682258 APN No.: 045 421 201
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11/29/00, 12/06/00, 12/13/00
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The eye sees not itself but by reflection.
—William Shakespeare,
Julius Caesar

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PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Butch and Dougie

by Alex Howell



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland







For answers, please see the box on the back page.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Not quite closed
5 Doris Day refrain
9 Junket
13 Significance
19 Prepare a pear
20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primeval upheaval
29 See 14 Down
31 Mil. policy
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra
55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Roller-coaster feeling
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 — Marie Saint
72 TV's "— Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 "— Parkington" ('44 film)
81 GI's address
82 — down (destroy)
83 Melodious McEntire
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 — nous
95 Cen. segments
97 "— -Tiki"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the lea
107 Hosp. areas
108 "— luego"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65 Righteous Brothers hit
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforget-table" name
121 Born
122 "— Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up
138 Relate
139 "So — You" ('77 song)
140 — -friendly
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for 101 Across
143 Chore
144 Work in the lab

DOWN
1 Feigns
2 Dear fellow?
3 Surface measure-ment
4 Dwell
5 "— vous plait"
6 Skater Heiden
7 Loaded
8 Sailing
9 Wagner hero
10 Capek drama
11 Unwell
12 Italian specialty
13 Mischievous
14 With 29 Across, rum cocktail
15 Washington hrs.
16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
17 Lasso
18 Mortise's mate
24 Wilde work
25 Aim
30 Burro
33 Herd word
35 From — Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
38 Singer Dottie
39 Craving
40 Parent
41 Diamond authority?
42 — Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 "— a Lady" ('71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Relish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean Marquis
74 Removes the cork
75 Poet turned electrician?
77 Nebbish
78 Maris or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
85 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride papa
92 Lot size
93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the deed
99 Safety —
103 "— generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End product
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 — majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
132 — Plaines, IL
134 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

MAGIC MAZE — ENVELOPE

X X U R G P M J G B D A X V S
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X V T Q O M I F J S H F C E A
Y Y W L A R O L F I U R P Z N
L M A N I L A A A N J H F I D
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S E L F A D D R E S S E D L Q
O M K I H D F A E S D F B A B
Z Y W V T R D T Q T O B L G N
N R U T E R A E L C U N L E K
I H F D C K S I D B A O Z L S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bubble	Floral	Padded	Self-addressed
Business	Legal-sized	Pay	Self-sealing
Disk	Nuclear	Push the	Window
Flat-rate	Outer	Return	

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your kay number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

By L. Conry McNeil

DIRECTIONS:
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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PUBLIC NOTICES from page seven

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of SCOTT ANTHONY DEBLER, Minor.
NO. JV-00-00104
CITATION

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Department 7, Woodland, California 95695, on January 17, 2000 at 1:30: p.m. o'clock. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Ann Marie Johnson Emsley on March 6, 2000. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 11/3/00
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

Nov 22 29 Dec 6 13

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed NOV 7, 2000
File No. 2000-833

The following person is doing business as Encompass Electrical Technologies, 442 W. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773:

Tri-State Acquisition Corporation, a Nevada Corp., 442 W. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 00/00/0000..

/s/Tony L. Visage, Asst. Sec.
Tri-State Acquisition Corporation

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 7, 2000
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Nov 22 29 Dec 6 13
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14, 2000
File No. 2000-844

The following person is doing business as Riverbend Market, 940 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Suman Nijher, 2900 Baronet Way, Sacto., CA 95833.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 26, 2000.

/s/Suman Nijher

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, Nov 14, 2000
by: /s/Debbie Holck, Deputy Clerk
Nov 22 29 Dec 6 13

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 18, 2000
File No. 2000-790

The following person is doing business as Grampa Bobo's Fudge Shoppe, 1264 E. Gibson Road, Ste. 1309, Woodland, CA:

David Bobo and Kathy Bobo, 840 Bourn Drive, #105, Woodland, CA 95776; Jodie Howard, 1546 Squaw Valley Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-18-00.

/s/David L. Bobo
/s/Kathy L. Bobo
/s/Jodie Howard

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: OCT 18, 2000
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Nov 22 29 Dec 6 13

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FILED Nov 14, 2000
FBN Number 99-801

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Riverbend Market, 940 Sacramento Ave., West Sacto., CA 95605:

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 12-6-1999.

Harbhajan Singh, 5 Matadero Ct., Sacramento CA 95833; Gurinder Kaur, 2900 Baronet Way, Sacto., CA 95833.

This business is conducted by Harbhajan Singh & Gurinder Kaur.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 14, 2000
by: /s/Debbie Holck, Deputy Clerk
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of Elizabeth Jordan, Conservatee.
NO. PB 00-51
Notice of Conservator's Sale of Real Property at Private Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kathleen R. Sylvia, Public Guardian of the County of Yolo, State of California, as conservator of the estate of Elizabeth Jordan will sell at private sale, subject to confirmation by the Superior Court of Yolo County, to the highest and best bidder, under the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned on DECEMBER 27, 2000, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, at the Office of the Public Guardian of Yolo County at 400 Court Street, Woodland, California, all the right, title, interest and estate of said Elizabeth Jordan, in and to the real property located at 612 Bryte Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, and more particularly as follows:

Lot 32, Block 10, Riverbank Subdivision, as shown on the official plat thereof, filed in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, on January 24, 1912, in Book 2 of Maps, at page 50.

The terms of the sale shall be as follows:

1. Such purchase is subject to covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, easements, and encumbrances of record, and any existing deeds of trust.

2. Buyer shall pay for escrow costs.

3. Any examination of title, recording of conveyance, title insurance policy and documentary transfer tax shall be at the expense of the Buyer.

4. Current taxes shall be prorated as of the date of confirmation of the sale.

5. A certified check payable to the undersigned in the amount of $1,000 shall be submitted with the bid. Upon acceptance of the bid, a certified check in an amount which, added to the initial deposit, equals 10% of the total bid price, shall be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours.

6. If escrow does not close within sixty (60) days of the confirmation of sale, Seller will have the option of canceling the sale, and retaining all or part of the deposit as damages.

7. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except as to title.

For further information and bid forms, apply at the Office of the Public Guardian of the County of Yolo.

Dated: November 28, 2000
Assistant Public Guardian/Administrator
For Kathleen R. Sylvia, Public Guardian
Conservator of the Person and Estate of Elizabeth Jordan
Dec 6 13 20

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov16, 2000
File No. 2000-868

The following person is doing business as Kaleidoscope Birth Choices, 801 D St., Apt. 5, Davis, CA 95616:

Kelley Scott, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/15/00.

/s/Kelley Scott

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, Nov. 16, 2000
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Dec 13 20 27 Jan 3

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 28, 2000
File No. 2000-897

The following person is doing business as Airgas-NCN, 3650 Industrial Blvd., Ste. 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Airgas-Northern California & Nevada, Inc., incorp. in Delaware.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-1-00.

/s/Todd R. Craun, Secretary
Airgas-Northern CA & NV, Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 28, 2000
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Dec 13 20 27 Jan 3
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 1, 2000
File No. 2000-920

The following person is doing business as Home Loan Processing Services, 1629 Virginia Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Megan A. Faiello, 1629 Virginia Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-01.

/s/Megan A. Faiello

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Dec 13 20 27 Jan 3

Trustee Sale No. 25646 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12-22-1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On **12-19-2000 at 12:00 pm**, Foreclosure Consultants, Inc. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, Recorded on 12-31-1998 as Document No. 98-0039226-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Hunter's Point Properties LLC, A California Limited Liability Company, as Trustor, Fremont Investment & Loan, A California Industrial Loan Association, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: **The main entrance to the City Hall at, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento, CA,** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: A.P.N. 014-531-01. Beginning at a point that is the southwest corner of Elkhorn Village No. 8, filed August 28, 1958 in book 5 of maps, page 57, Yolo County Records, said point of beginning being also the northwest corner of parcel 3, as described in the Deed to American Homes, Co., Recorded May 23, 1958 in book 542 of official records, page 467; thence north 85 degrees 47' 15" east along the common boundary of the above mentioned lands 388.91 feet; thence leaving said boundary south 5 degrees 44' 90" east 144.80 feet to the beginning of a circular curve whose radial point bears south 84 degrees 15' 51" west 970 feet distant; thence along the arc of said circular curve to the right through a central angle of 8 degrees 07' 19" A distance of 137.50 feet to a point from which the radial point above mentioned bears north 87 degrees 47' 32" west 970 feet distant; thence leaving said curve south 85 degrees 47' 15" west 433.11 feet to a point on the western boundary of the above mentioned parcel 3; thence along said western boundary north 5 degrees 08' 15" east 285.80 feet to the point of beginning. This Foreclosure sale includes that certain collateral more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, including, without limitation, all of the collateral which is now or hereafter located on the premises more particularly described herein

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **900 Todhunter Avenue, West Sacramento, CA.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: **$1,334,697.82** Estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 11-24-00 **Foreclosure Consultants, Inc., as Trustee,** *By: Vivian Prieto, Vice President 8101 Kaiser Blvd., #360, Anaheim Hills, CA 92808, (714)282-2424. Sale Info. Line: (714)282-2430* **Exhibit "A"** Definitions When used in this Exhibit A , the following initially capitalized terms shall have the following meanings: "Governmental Agency" means any federal, state, muncipal or other governmental or quasi-governmental court, agency, authority, or district. "Loan" means the loan in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,200,000) made by Secured Party to Debtor. "Personal Property" means all personal property in which Debtor now or hereafter owns or acquires any interest or right and which is now or hereafter located on or used or useful in the development, operation, ownership, occupancy, use, maintenance, repair or restoration of the Project or any portion thereof, together with all present and future attachments, accessions, replacements, substitutions and additions thereto or therefor, and together with all insurance proceeds from any policy of insurance covering any of the foregoing property now or hereafter acquired by Debtor. "Personal Property" shall include, without limitation, the personal property described below and any leased personal property. "Property" means that certain real property describe on Notice of Trustee's Sale attached hereto "Project" means the property together with the improvements now or hereafter located thereon. "Secured Obligations" means the payment and performance of every obligation, covenant and agreement of Debtor in connection with the Loan. All terms used herein which are defined in the California Commercial Code shall have the same meanings when used herein, unless the context requires otherwise. Collateral All of Debtor's rights, title and interest, now or hereafter acquired, in and to the following: **(a)** All personal property, including without limitation, all goods, supplies, equipment, furniture, furnishings, fixtures, machinery, inventory and construction materials which Debtor now or hereafter owns or in which Debtor now or hereafter acquires an interest or right, including, without limitation, those which are now or hereafter located on or affixed to the Project or used or useful in the operation, use or occupancy thereof of the construction of any improvements thereon, including, without limitation, any interest of Debtor in and to personal property which is leased or subject to any superior security interest, or which is being manufactured or assembled for later installation into the improvements now or hereafter located at the Project, wherever located, and all books, records, leases and other documents, of whatever kind or character, relating to the Project; (b) All fees, income, rents, issues, profits, earnings, receipts, royalties and revenues which, after the date hereof and while any portion of the Secured Obligations remains unpaid, may accrue from such goods, fixtures, furnishings, equipment and building materials or any part thereof of from the Project or any part thereof, or which may be received or receivable by Debtor from any hiring, using, letting, leasing, subhiring, subletting, or subleasing therefor; (c) All of Debtor's present and future right to receive payments of money, services or property including, without limitation, rights to all deposits from tenants of the Project, deposits form prospective purchasers of the Project, capital contributions from the constituent partners of Debtor (if Debtor is a partnership), amounts payable on account of the sale of partnership interests or stock of Debtor, accounts, accounts receivable, deposit accounts, chattel paper, notes, drafts, contract rights, instruments, general intangibles and principal interest and payments due on account of goods sold, services rendered, loans made or credit extended, together with title or interest in all documents evidencing or securing the same. (d) All other intangible property and rights relating to the Project or the operation thereof, or used in connection therewith, including but not limited to all governmental permits relating to construction or other activities on the Project, all names under by which the project may at any time be operated or known, all rights to carry on business under any such names, or any variant thereof, all trade names and trademarks relating in any way to the Project, goodwill in any way relating to the Project, and all permits, licenses, franchises, approvals, variances and land use entitlements relating in any way to, or to the occupancy, operation, ownership and use of, the Project; (e) All judgments, claims, settlements of claims, and causes of actions under any legal proceeding relating to the Project or the ownership, use, occupancy or operation thereof; (f) All proceeds from sale or disposition of the Personal Property; (g) Debtor's rights under all insurance policies covering the Project or any of the Personal Property (whether or not Debtor is required by Secured Party to maintain such insurance), and all proceeds, loss payments and premium refunds payable regarding the same; (h) All reserves, deferred payments, deposits, refunds, cost savings and payments of any kind relating to the construction of any improvements of the Project; (i) All water stock relating to the Project; (j) All causes of action, claims, compensation and recoveries for any damages to or condemnation or taking of the Project or the Personal Property, of for any conveyance in lieu thereof, whether direct or consequential, or for any damage or injury to the Project or the Personal Property, or for any loss or diminution in value of the Project or the Personal Property; (k) All architectural , structural, mechanical and engineering plans and specifications prepared for construction of improvements or extraction of minerals or gravel from the Project and all studies, data and drawings related thereto, and all contracts and agreements of Debtor relating to such plans and specifications or such studies, data and drawings or to the construction of improvements on or extraction of minerals or gravel from the Project; (l) all of debtor's present and future rights in and to all refunds, rebates, reimbursements, reserves, deferred payments, deposits, cost savings, governmental subsidy payments, governmentally-registered credits (such as emissions reductions credits), other credits, waivers and payments, whether in cash or kind, due from or payable by any Governmental Agency or any insurance or utility company relating to any or all of the Project, any improvements thereon or any of the collateral described herein or arising out of satisfaction of any condition imposed upon or the obtaining of any approvals for the development of the Project or the improvements thereon; (m) All of Debtor's present and future rights in and to all refunds, rebates, reimbursements, credits, and payment of any kind due from or payable by any Governmental Agency or other entity for any taxes, special taxes, assessments, or similar governmental or quasi-governmental charges or levies imposes upon Debtor with respect to the project, any improvements thereon or any of the collateral described herein or arising out of the satisfaction of any condition imposed upon or the obtaining of any approvals for the development of the Project or the improvements thereon; (n) All Debtor's rights in proceeds of the Loan; (o) all Debtor's rights to receive the proceeds of any "take out" or permanent financing or commitment to provide such financing; and (p) All proceeds and products of any of the foregoing (and proceeds and products of proceeds and products). 11-29, 12-6, 12-13 -2000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 00-13840 Loan No. 3060779 TSG No. 584138 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/08/2000 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property known as 633 Bowlen Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605 Assessor's Parcel Number 014344181 will be sold at public auction at the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA on 01/03/2001, at 1:00 PM, to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, for cash a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Financial Code section 5102 and authorized to do business in California. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Daniel Craig Seevers, an unmarried man and Victoria Lynn Sutton, an unmarried woman, as trustor, Recorded on 05/18/2000, Instrument 2000001195000, of Official Records of Yolo, County, California. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of the notice is $90,612.67, estimated, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonably estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Dated: 12/07/2000 **Premier Trust Deed Services, Inc.,** 3 ADA, Irvine, California 92618, Trustee Sale Information Number (916) 387-7728. **Premier Trust Deed Services, Inc.** By: Michael Caracena, Asst. Secretary, ASAP412191 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

LETTERS from p. 7

On January 10, 2001, the West Sacramento City Council will vote on whether to agree to a SRCSD pipeline being placed in West Sacramento. A frequently asked question by citizens is can SRCSD claim eminent domain in West Sac? Yes, they can. Can they claim eminent domain in another county? Yes, they can. In that instance, do we have a choice? Yes, we do. We can sue; hold up the construction for several years; they are on a time restraint, we are not; they would be forced to select a different route, not in West Sacramento.

Suing is a very long, hard process and something no one should want to do. But, as council members, city staff and concerned citizens dredge into the ramifications of the Principals of Agreement document, new fiscal, environmental and political concerns compound daily making it look more and more like an unsafe "deal" for West Sacramento.

Do we really want to take a path with this much uncertainty?

I have to beg to differ with the *News-Ledger*'s editorial Wednesday, December 6, 2000. I don't know if they heard all of the uncertainties raised by the council on November 6, while they examined the Principals of Agreement document. But the probable impact of those uncertainties being invested upon us were certain enough to convince me that the safest fiscal, political and environmental option is to say no to Sacramento Regional, no to Sacramento, no to big developers, no to political hounds and expand our own plant and keep our sovereignty. But if the decision goes the other way, West Sacramento should not make that phone call until each uncertainty is accounted for.

Please listen to councilmen Bill Kristoff and Jim Cahill. I believe they are the most knowledgeable and forthright on this issue. Please call them and ask questions. Please watch for and attend meetings. There is much to be learned, much at stake and little time.

JULIA HARRINGTON
West Sacramento

Police log

Dec. 6

An officer was dispatched to Merkley Ave. regarding a possible vehicle burglary. He detained a 30-year old transient man smoking a cigarette and standing next to a vehicle that had a broken window. The man had a cell phone that belonged to the burglary victim, and there were cigarette ashes in the back of the car near the broken window. The man dropped a small amount of marijuana to the ground during the police contact. He was arrested.

Dec. 6, 7:50 a.m.

A car was reported stolen overnight from 7th and E streets.

Dec. 6, 9:49 a.m.

A drive-by shooting was reported on Hardy Dr.; officers had earlier reported hearing three shots. An investigating officer found a van in the driveway and a hole from one round through a window. There were no injuries and the victim had been too frightened to call police. The suspect was identified as a parolee, and parole officials authorized an arrest. A SWAT team arrested him at a Merkley residence. The suspect's vehicle and residence were searched but a suspected weapon was not found.

Dec. 7, 3:30 a.m.

A vehicle overturned at I-80 near Reed, and the driver fled on foot. Before police arrived, a hay truck struck the overturned vehicle, flipping one of its trailers. The freeway was temporarily shut down. Local police located the fleeing driver on Reed Ave., and turned him over to the California Highway Patrol.

Dec. 7

An officer transporting three prisoners to the Yolo County Jail had her car struck from behind by another motorist. There was major damage to the other motorist's car.

Dec. 7, 3:15 p.m.

Child Protective Services told police that they had investigated a report involving a five-year old and an eight-year old boy "touching each other," but no police action was needed.

Dec. 7, 5:32 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of two teenagers playing with a handgun. Police found the youths handling a pellet gun which was a replica of a real firearm. A parent asked police to take the pellet gun away, fearing someone might mistake it for a more dangerous weapon.

Dec. 7, 6:29 p.m.

An unknown subject stole a debit card from a local elementary school.

Dec. 7, 11:50 p.m.

Two officers were flagged down by a woman who said she had been raped at a local motel earlier. An officer located the 41-year old suspect and arrested him for possession of rock cocaine and for another charge.

Dec. 8, 8:35 a.m.

An unlocked car on West Capitol was burglarized, and a cassette player and CD player/changer were stolen.

Dec. 8, 12:50 p.m.

Police received the report that a man with a gun was threatening suicide at an Industrial Blvd. location. The suspect was found in a motor home in a parking lot, and was despondent over marital troubles. He had pointed a gun at his wife and held it to his own head. There were two elderly women with him in the motor home. SWAT team members and hostage negotiators arrived on scene. The man was ordered out of the vehicle, and he complied. He was arrested and the weapon, a pellet gun which was a replica of a handgun, was seized. The 40-year old was evaluated at a hospital.

Police Log: Only in the News-Ledger.

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Local Scene

Nurses available

Senior nursing students at CSUS are looking for community service projects. Recent work has included a survey of pregnant women, booklets on breastfeeding and sex education, and a child safety awareness fair. Any health-related project that provides the students with practical experience in planning and implementation will considered. Call 278-6714.

Toys & donations

The Broderick Christian Center's transitional housing program seeks donations of "gently used" toys, games, makeup and cologne, and clothing; as well as gift certificates and other household gifts. The donations are needed to aid families in the Christmas season. For information, call Sharon Wagner or Bobbie Sweezy at 372-0200.

Flu shots

The Yolo County Health Dept. has scheduled a flu shot clinic for Thurs., Dec. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 10 Cottonwood St. Priority will go to those over 60 and to high-risk adults and children with chronic disorders. Cost is $10, and the county recommends annual shots for those at highest risk. Tetanus shots are available for $10 as well. Call (530) 666-8645.

RCHS Parent Night

River City High School will host its parents' night on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents and community members are welcome. Gang information, a report from the site safety committee, and ideas for positive rewards for students will be discussed.

Wish tree

Somerset Nursing Center asks for your help in bringing holiday gifts to its residents. The Center will have a "wish tree" at its 2215 Oakmont Way location. Just visit, and take the white star with the name of a resident and his or her holiday wish or room number. Return the gift wrapped and addressed by Dec. 19 and Santa will pass out all the gifts on Thurs., Dec. 21. For more information, call 371-1890.

Senior Spin

Senior Spin, the West Sacramento Senior Center's takeoff on the "Wheel of Fortune," has a new cast of players. The show airs on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 daily at 6:30 p.m. plus Wednesdays at 7 p.m. New contestants are Ardis Graham, Jack Caldeira and Bev Cecchettini. Dee Bowen hosts and Jennie McNeil is "Vana Banana." Danny Parisi is stage technician.

Nativity scene

There will be a live enactment of the birth of Jesus on Fri., Dec. 22, from 7-9 p.m. in front of Circle A Food Store at the corner of Sacramento Ave. and Bryte Ave. It is sponsored by Joy Christian Ministries.

New classes

The West Sacramento Parks & Community Services Dept., together with Sacramento City College, is sponsoring a variety of classes during the Jan. 16-May 22 college semester, all held at the West Sacramento Senior Center on Cummins Way. Classes include clay sculpture, the sociology of aging, fitness walking, social dance and conversational Spanish. They are taught by Sacramento City College Instructors and cost $11 to $33 plus any materials. For information, call 375-5511.

Christmas Baskets

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project is looking for donations of food, services or cash from individuals, churches, businesses and local groups. The donations allow the production of nearly a thousand holiday meal baskets every year for less fortunate residents of the region. Over 3,000 people were fed by last year's effort. A parallel effort also provides toys to the needy. Call 372-3360 to find out how to help.

Pepsi + school

Clarksburg Elementary has enrolled in the Pepsi "Share the Joy of Music" program. Through January, specially marked packages of Pepsi and Frito products will have "Official Pepsi Note" points on them. They can be saved and turned in at a bin at the school, or mailed to the school at PO Box 99, Clarksburg, CA 95612 before Feb. 15. The school can redeem them for musical instruments and supplies.

OLG Alumni

Our Lady of Grace School in West Sacramento will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, and invites all alumni and their families. An alumni Mass and continental breakfast will be held Sun., Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. A dinner and silent auction (tickets required) is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Sat., April 7. Ticket sales ($25) begin Jan. 28. Call 371-9416.

Moose Lodge

The Lodge will host a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31, with the music of Mark St. Mary and his Red Hot Zydeco Band. Party favors and Champagne will be on hand, as will a steak dinner. Donation is $25 per person or $45 per couple; tickets are limited, so call Buddy Linker at 371-6303 or 371-9684.

4-H Club

The West Sacramento 4-H Club will hold its monthly community meeting on Mon., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Sam Combs Activity Center, 205 Stone Blvd. Please bring a can of food, or other non-perishable food item, for donation to a local food closet. The club is open to children age 5-19, and welcomes adult volunteers. For information, call Bessie Orndoff, 371-6412. The club sponsors project work, demonstrations, community service and events.

Give blood

As you're thinking about giving during the holidays, don't forget to donate blood. The City of West Sacramento is sponsoring a holiday blood drive on Friday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at city hall, 1350 Halyard Dr. Participants will receive a coupon for a free pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream. Appointments and information are available by calling 373-5893. Other area blood drive sites can be located by calling toll-free (866) 884-4483.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will hold a potluck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., at 6 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 19. Please bring your own service. The club is open to people age 50 and over, and sponsors gatherings and trips. Call 371-8479 or 371-8126 for information.

Christmas Baskets

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket invites needy local individuals and families to register to receive a free basket of holiday food. Signups will take place Nov. 26 to Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever St., West Sacramento. Bring proof of residency (rent receipt or utility bill), driver's license or state ID, proof of income (pay stub, Medi-Cal card, etc.) and social security card. One basket per residence; cross-checks will be done with the Salvation Army. Food will be distributed Dec. 20-21 at the I.L.W.U. Hall at 4th and F streets. Toys will be distributed to parents on Dec. 22. Call 372-3360 or 373-5819 for information.

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Stamp Fair

The semi-annual Sacramento Stamp Fair will be held the weekend of January 6-7, 2001 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sacramento. The hall is located at 5961 Newman Court, just off Carlson at Fair Oaks Boulevard, between Sacramento State University and the Scottish Rite Hall.

Stamp and Cover dealers from throughout the western United States will be attending and items for sale will range in price from a few pennies to thousands of dollars. Dealers will be giving free appraisals of individual stamps and collections. For more information, call 1-800-783-7589.

Winter wildlife viewing

Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located at 1624 Hood Franklin Road in Elk Grove (take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit and turn west) is having an Early Birder Special on December 9th and 23rd. Visitors can visit the refuge's new wildlife viewing platform and be treated to a birds eye view of many riparian, wetland and upland species. Walk and rest at your own pace. Docents will be handy to offer viewing tips and refuge information.

For more information, call 916-775-4421.

Storytime Theatre

Storytime Theatre will present *Holiday High* December 2-17 in the Art Court Theatre at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd.

It's senior year for Nick Claus, Jack O'Lantern, the Kringle sisters and their friends. Who will be the Snow Queen of the Winter Festival? Who is plotting to cause trouble? Solve this mystery and learn about holiday customs at the same time in this performance of *Holiday High*.

Parking is available in Parking Lot J next to the theatre off 12th Ave. Tickets are $4 for general admission. For reservations, call 558-2228.

Channel 10 "Coats for Kids"

"News 10's Coats for Kids Sake" winter coat drive is underway. In the past nine years, more than 137,000 coats have been collected and distributed to children and families in need throughout the Central Valley.

New or gently used coats can be donated at Swansons Cleaners, Gottschalks Department Stores, Jamba Juice locations, and the News 10 Studios until January 1, 2001.

For more information about "News 10's Coats for Kids Sake", call 321-3362 or go to News 10's website at kxtv10.com.

Sky Concert

Old Sacramento will be the backdrop for a spectacular Sky Concert on December 31st. The gala fireworks show, scheduled from 10:00-10:15 p.m. will light up the sky over the Sacramento River and can be viewed from anywhere along the Old Sacramento Waterfront.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ophir Prison Band and the Old Sacramento Living History Characters from 8:30-10:00 p.m.

The event is free to the public and please call 558-3912 for a last minute event update in case of uncertain weather.

Visit Sonoma Valley

The Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau kicks-off e-$capes this December, offering great values on wineries, lodging, restaurants, attractions and shopping in the Sonoma Valley.

To learn more about e-$capes discounts or to get a list of participating members and how to take advantage of special offers, visit sonomavalley.com or call (707) 996-1090.

Cinderella

The Sacramento Theatre Company, located at 1419 H Street in Sacramento, has begun performances of Cinderella, a magical musical comedy version of the classic fairytale. The show is scheduled to run through December 24th, and tickets range from $10 to $35. Senior citizen, student, and group rates are available. For more information, call the Sacramento Theatre Company Box Office at 916-443-6722.

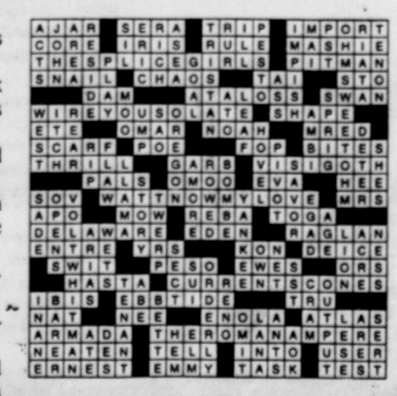
Art exhibition

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center, located at 53330-B Gibbons Drive in Carmichael (between Walnut and Garfield) will be showing the American Watercolor Society's Traveling Exhibition from Jan. 3 to Jan. 28. It's an extraordinary opportunity to view an outstanding show and for more information, call 971-3713.

Answers to Sports Quiz & Puzzles

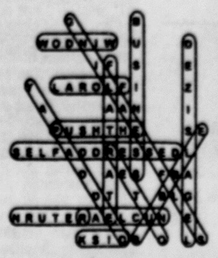
Answers:

1. Eight. The streak ended this year.
2. Fred McGriff and Frank Robinson both accomplished this slugging feat.
3. Danny Kanell, who had tallied 57 TD passes.
4. None. The Grizzlies are 0-44 on the road in March during their five years of existence.
5. New Jersey's Scott Gomez tallied 70 points in 82 games.
6. Muldowney won three times — 1977, 1980, 1982.
7. Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead all won at least 10 times during a single season.



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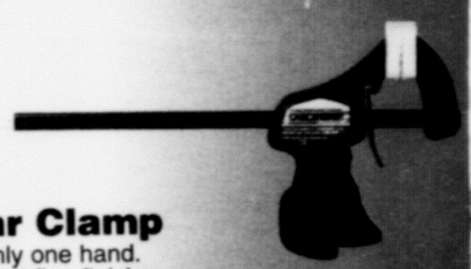
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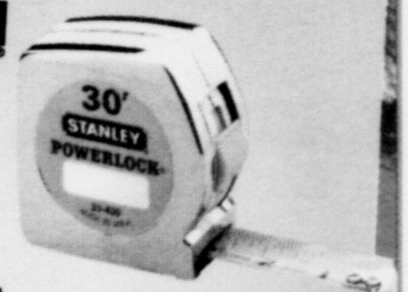
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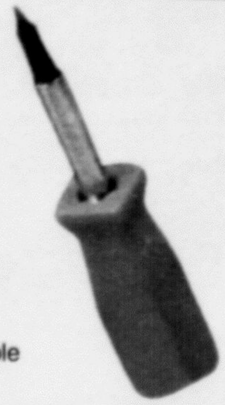
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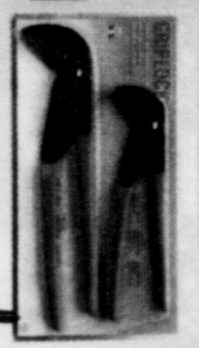
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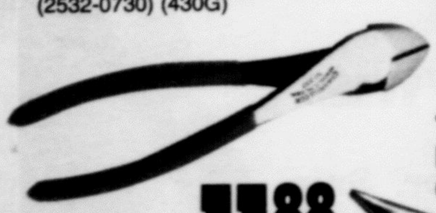
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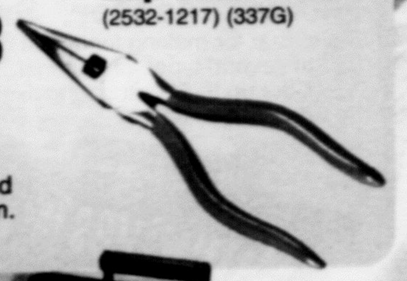


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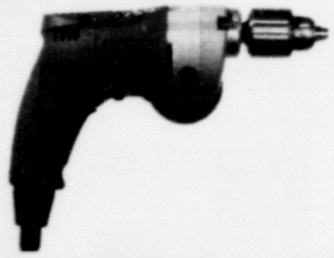




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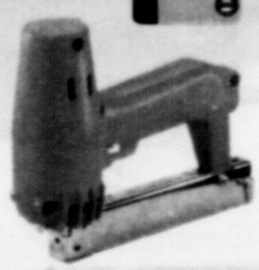
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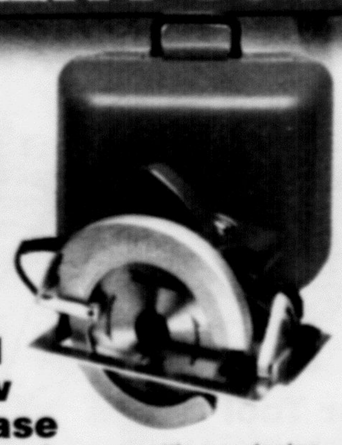
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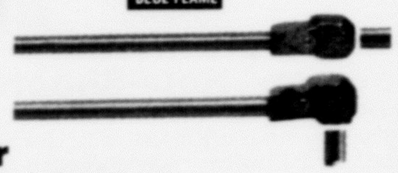


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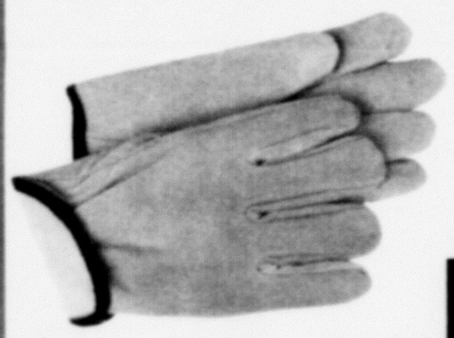
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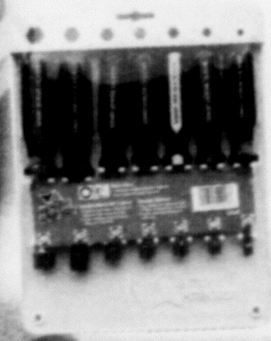
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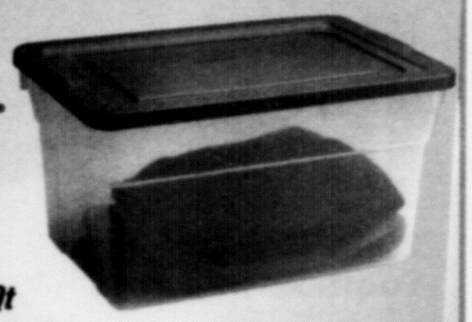
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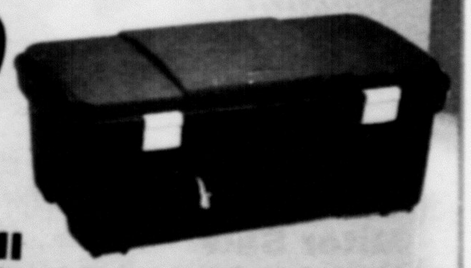
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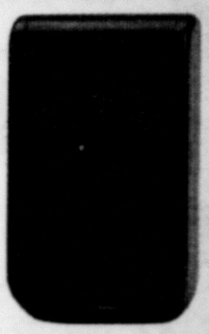


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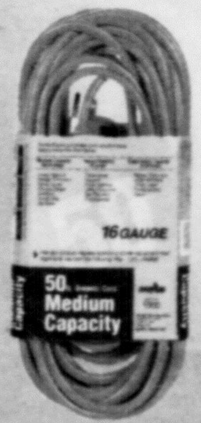
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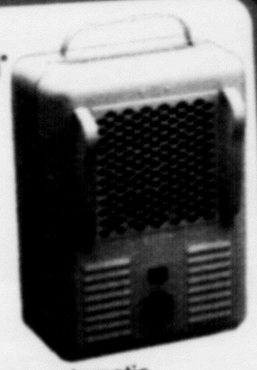


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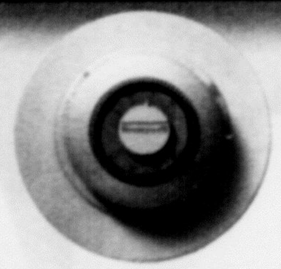
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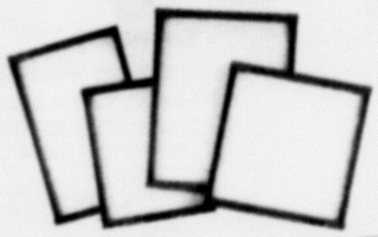
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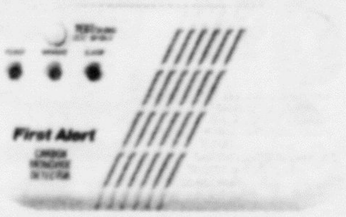
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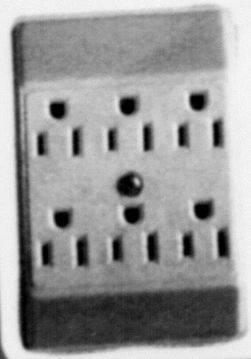
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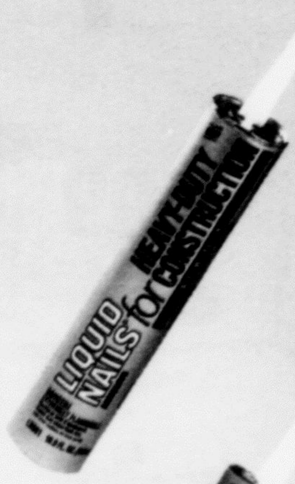
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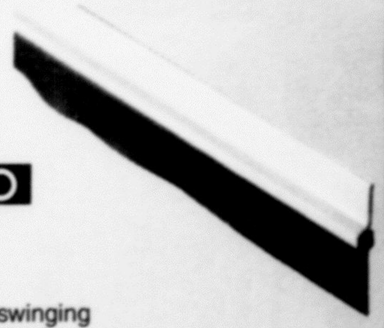
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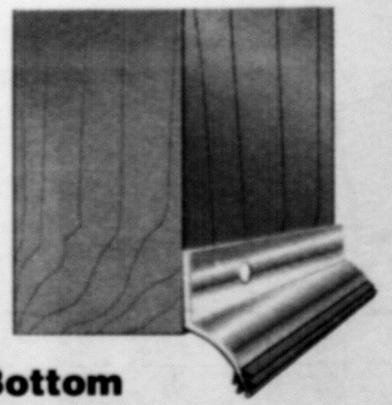
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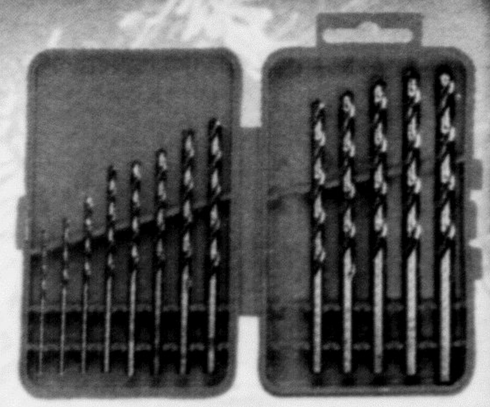
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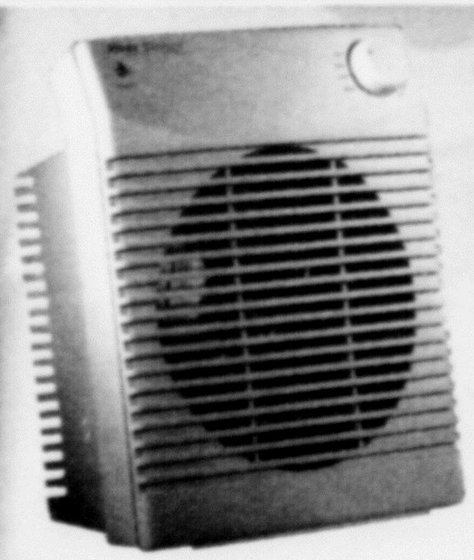
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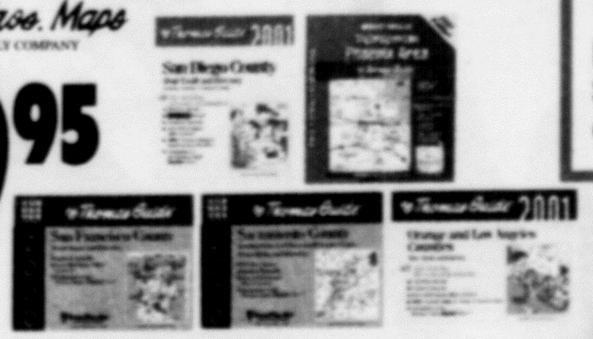


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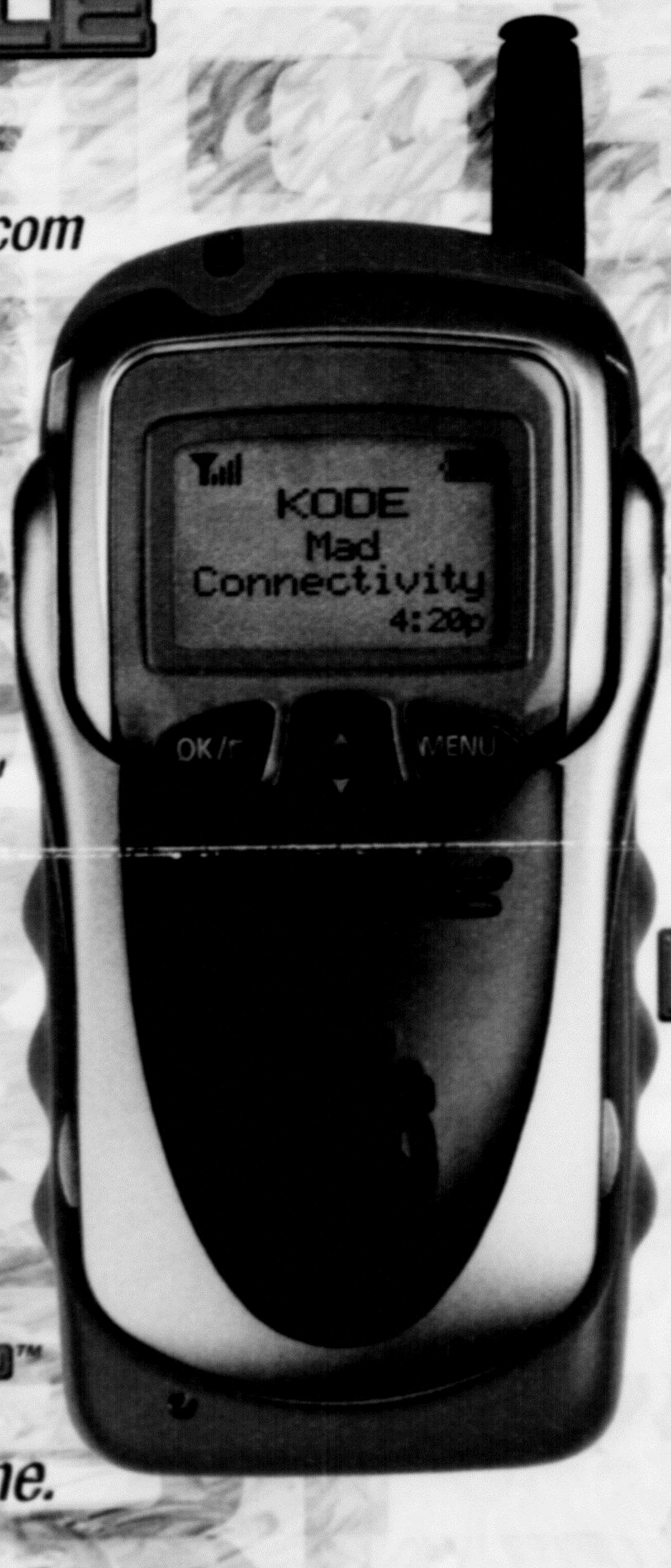
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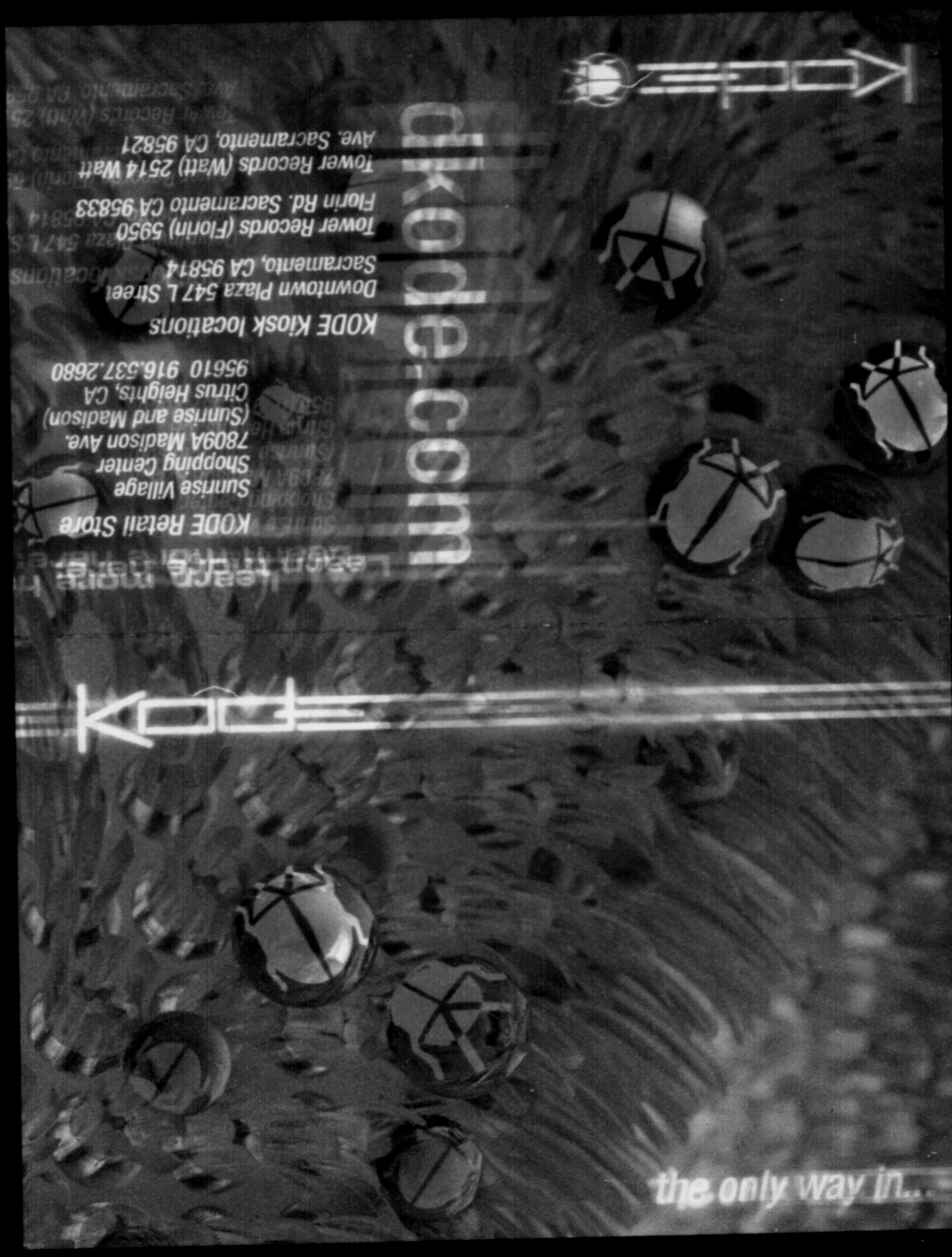
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